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MR. WASHBURNE'S DISPATCHES

An Official History of the Recent Events in France.

United States Protection to Subjects of Other Nations.

Labors of the American Legation in Behalf of the Germans.

Graphic Official Description of September Scenes in Paris.

Communication Through the Prussian Lines.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 10, 1870.

The correspondence between the Department of State and the United States Legation in Paris, since the commencement of the Franco-Prussian War, forms one of the most interesting chapters of official history ever written. Relating, as this correspondence does, to events of such recent date, and still so fresh in the minds of the people, your correspondent is justified in laying before your readers an unusually full abstract of the official record, which will soon engage the attention of both Houses of Congress.

AT THE BEGINNING.

When the war broke out Minister WASHBURNE was at the baths in Bohemia, and Mr. HOFFMAN, First Secretary, was in charge of the Legation. The first question that came up for action was the protection of Prussian subjects. Mr. HOFFMAN telegraphed to Mr. FISH as follows:

PARIS, July 13, 1870.

FISH, Washington: War is certain. Can I take Prussian subjects in France under our protection? Have promised answer to-morrow. HOFFMAN.

To which Mr. FISH replied:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, July 16, 1870.

Protection of North Germans in French territory by American officers can be given at request of North Germany, and with assent of France. Examine request of Mr. MOUSTIER of July 13, '67, to United States to protect French in Mexico. FISH.

This assent was given promptly by France on the next day. In the meantime, the North German Legation at Washington had applied for the good offices of our Government in the protection of the North German line of steamers. Mr. FISH telegraphed to Mr. WASHBURNE:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, July 16, 1870.

Government and people of United States depend upon Bremen steamers between Bremen and Hamburg and New-York for postal communications with Europe, under arrangements with the United States Post-office. Inquire whether, in the event of war with North Germany, these steamers will be exempt from capture.

Report by cable. FISH.

To which, July 21, Mr. WASHBURNE replied:

PARIS, July 21, 1870.—10:50 A. M.

FISH, Washington: Government refuses to exempt North German steamers from capture, except those now at sea, ignorant of war, which may enter French ports. E. B. WASHBURNE.

In a dispatch by mail of July 22, Mr. WASHBURNE stated what action he had taken on this subject, and closed with the following pointed allusion to the President's message on free ships:

"I do not see that I can do anything further in this matter unless I telegraph you. It seems to me that the difficulty would have been in a great measure solved if the recommendation of the President's Message of the 18th inst., a synopsis of which we received by the last steamer, had been adopted by Congress."

The reply of the Duc DE GRAMMONT, declining to exempt the ships, was inclosed.

PROTECTION OF GERMANS IN PARIS.

In the meantime, the Prussian Chargé d'Affaires was compelled to leave Paris, and so placed the archives under American protection. Saxony followed suit and asked the same. The North German Legation in Washington applied to Mr. FISH for the exertion of the good offices of this Government for the protection of the North Germans in Paris. Mr. FISH thus telegraphed Mr. WASHBURNE:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, July 18, 1870.

North German Government asks United States to exert good offices through their Legation at Paris during war, for protection of North Germans in France. Cable instructions to Minister Bonaparte to notify Duke DE GRAMMONT of this request, and say that if the French Government consent thereto, the United States will extend to North Germans same care which they extended to Germans in Mexico at the request of Mr. MOUSTIER's request of July 19, 1867. FISH.

On the 22d of July, Mr. WASHBURNE wrote in reply to the above as follows:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PARIS, July 22, 1870. (Received Aug. 1.)

Count SOLMS, Chargé d'Affaires of the North German Confederation, left here for Berlin on Wednesday night, after turning over to this Legation the archives of the Embassy, which he believed, * * * which Many subjects of the North German Confederacy found themselves here upon the formal declaration of war, and I have left with them a sufficient fund to pay the expenses of a certain number of them, who would be directed to call at this Legation to obtain the proper authorization to enable them to return to their homes. I have presented themselves during the past three days to receive some proper instrument that will enable them to go out of France. I was unwilling to give any passport, for the reason that I was not satisfied it would be respected by the French military and civil authorities. I therefore went to the Foreign Office yesterday to state the case and to ascertain whether the subjects of Prussia might be permitted to leave and if so, upon what kind of a protection, to be issued by me. I was there advised that it was a somewhat novel question, and that it would be better to state my object in writing. I then addressed a letter to the Duke DE GRAMMONT, a copy of which is here with inclosed, marked A. I was promised an answer at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, but it is now 6 o'clock P. M., it has not come, and will not be sent to you a translation of it by the dispatch bag, which leaves to-night and goes by the way of England. I inclose herewith a copy of Col. HOGAN's letter, marked B, to the Duke DE GRAMMONT, in relation to the authorization of our Government to extend protection to North German subjects, with the assent of the Government of His Majesty the Emperor; also the reply of the Duke DE GRAMMONT thereto. E. B. WASHBURNE.

In Mr. WASHBURNE's letter to the Duc DE GRAMMONT, he said:

"In this connection I beg leave to observe that I only desire to conform to what is due to the function which I have undertaken in this respect, with the assent of the Government of His Majesty the Emperor. While, perhaps, under a strict construction of public law, the Government of His Majesty might have the absolute right to treat as enemies of war all of the subjects of the North German Confederation finding themselves in France after the 15th inst., yet, under the modern and more humane rule, I do not think that the Government of His Majesty might deem it consistent with his views to permit these men to leave the territory of France within the reasonable time which the laws would otherwise allow them, the usual concession of nations engaged in war."

The representatives of Saxony, Hesse and Coburg speedily applied for similar protection for their subjects, and on the 25th of July, Mr. DAVIS, Acting Secretary, sent telegraphic authorization to that effect. In the meantime Mr. WASHBURNE found himself laboring under unusual embarrassments in consequence of the duties devolving upon him by virtue of the assumed protection of German subjects. On the 29th of July he wrote to Mr. FISH, as follows:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PARIS, July 29, 1870.

* * * * It is difficult for me to determine the precise nature and extent of the duties devolving upon me in the case of the protection of the subjects of the North German Confederation, which I have assumed by your direction and with the assent of the French Government. I cannot find that any particular rule has been laid down to govern under such circumstances, and I would be thankful if you could make any suggestions in that regard. But it must be presumed that I am to be treated as a neutral officer, and that I have to such of the North German subjects as may call upon me for advice or protection, but guarding myself carefully against any act which might be construed as incompatible with the duties of a neutral. In regard, however, to the decisions submitted by the Duke DE GRAMMONT, in his letter to me of the 22d instant, touching the departure of North German subjects from French territory, I considered them as differing so widely from the well-established principles of public law, at least as understood and acted upon in our own country, that I could not give them even an implied assent. Hence my letter to the Duke DE GRAMMONT of the 26th instant, to which I have already made reference herein, and which I trust may meet with your approbation. E. B. WASHBURNE.

The Duc DE GRAMMONT, in his letter to Mr. WASHBURNE, to which reference is made, defended the refusal of the French Government to permit able-bodied Germans to leave Paris, on the ground that they were liable to military duty, and would at once take up arms against France. Mr. WASHBURNE replied to this letter, controverting the Duke's position, in the course of which he said:

"If the reason stated by your Excellency is to constitute a valid principle of international comity, for I at once concede that there is no question of absolute right, but only of courtesy or social civilization, to which in the decision in the case of these applicants, then I beg leave to suggest that the exception becomes the rule, and that the privilege of returning to one's own country at a different period becomes a mere nullity; since, of what male subject, of whatever age or of whatever condition of life, may it not be affirmed that at some time or under some circumstances he may be regarded as liable to the ranks of his country's armies in her defense, or, in some sudden or extreme emergency? And is a distinction to be made between those countries which limit the conscription of their subjects to a very restricted section of their population, and those Governments, which, like France, the United States, and perhaps Switzerland, hold much the larger proportion of their citizens under the result of the law to military service? Will your Excellency allow me respectfully to suggest that in the limited examination which I have been able to give to the question, I find in the correspondence exchanged by His Majesty's Government, in the general concession usually made in favor of foreign subjects wishing to quit belligerent territory as entirely between neutral tends, times when the liability to do military service by the subjects of the King was held in much greater estimation than at the present day, I do not find that the point was insisted upon of the returning here being liable to become a hostile soldier. Certainly, if any Government, first, last, and, perhaps, I borrow my propositions, the idea of any such distinction seems to have been long since discarded. For as early as 1752, and when hostilities between the United States and France existed, Pennsylvania, probably, I may say in reference to the departure of French subjects from United States territory, my own Government, by formal statute, declared that "the subjects of the hostile nation, who might wish to quit the United States on the outbreak of future hostilities, should be allowed," such reasonable time as might be consistent with humanity and, according to the dictates of humanity and national hospitality," and "for the recovery, disposal and removal of their goods and effects, and for their departure, safe conduct shall be granted them." (1 Dallas, 477.) Thus your Excellency will observe that the privilege is granted in the most unrestricted terms without allusion to a liability to render military aid to the enemy. I need not add that the same principle is incorporated into various subsisting treaties of the United States and that the highest American authority on public law, Chancellor KENT, considers the principle as long since established and forming a modern public law. This learned publicist, I may perhaps be permitted to add, quotes various continental publicists, including VATTEL and MARTENS, as holding and affirming the same doctrine. [Kent's Commentaries, vol. 1, pages 56-59.]

* * * * * * * * E. B. WASHBURNE.

His Excellency the Duke DE GRAMMONT, &c., &c.

The next step was the turning over to the United States Consular agents in France, the interests, effects, and archives of the North German Consular Agents.

THE FAMOUS SECRET TREATY.

The next development was the discovery of the famous secret treaty of which Mr. WASHBURNE said:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PARIS, July, 29, 1870.

* * * * * * * * E. B. WASHBURNE.

It is not necessary, in view of the fact that the Germans were thus summarily expelled from France, to go into the quite lengthy discussion between Mr. WASHBURNE and the Duchess GRAMMONT, in which the latter attempted to controvert the well-established position of Mr. WASHBURNE, that alien enemies had a right to sufficient notice to enable them to leave, before becoming subject to the rigors of war. It is sufficient to show that Mr. WASHBURNE's position was approved:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, Aug. 18, 1870.

Your reply to GRAMMONT's notice of courtesy of Germans is fully approved. You were notified yesterday that Prussian grants credit. Do what you can consistently with your duties to relieve distress of Germans, who had adapted the arrangement of German residents in France, to mitigate the severity of the order for their expulsion. J. DAVIS, Acting Secretary.

Mr. WASHBURNE then set himself vigorously at work to secure a revocation of the order of expulsion, which was made simultaneously with the change of Ministry. In a long dispatch, under date of Aug. 26, he recites those efforts, made in conjunction with Mr. KERN, the Swiss Minister, which shows how ably and zealously Mr. WASHBURNE labored for the preservation of the ordinary conditions of war and the dictates of humanity. But so far as it had any effect upon the French authorities it was of little use. Even what little concession he was able to extort from the Minister of Interior was rudely snapped from his hands later by the sweeping proclamation of TROCHU, then Proclaimed Governor of Paris. Another effort was made, however, resulting in a partial permission that such persons might remain in Paris for whom the American and Swiss Legations might make themselves responsible. Much more humane work in relieving and protecting the Germans, vising passports and giving safe conducts for very nearly 30,000 persons, and railroad tickets to the Prussian frontier for 8,000, as well as small amounts of money to a much larger number. He says in a dispatch of Sept. 3:

"My time is now a good deal taken up in looking after Germans who have been arrested and thrown into prison. The number is very great. My applications are promptly attended to, and thus far every man has been released, for whom I have applied."

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In the meantime BISMARCK was availing himself of Mr. WASHBURNE's position to communicate through the Prussian ambassador at London and Mr. MOTLEY, to the French authorities, repeated protests against the action of the French troops in firing upon the hospitals, and upon persons attending the wounded. These communications were duly presented by Mr. WASHBURNE, but it does not appear that the French authorities ever officially answered them.

THE REPORTS.

The next seven days witnessed the terrible scenes which followed the battle of Sedan, and Mr. WASHBURNE rapidly recounted the events by brief cable telegrams, and was instructed as to the recognition of the new Government.

THE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER.

Although the events which attended the downfall of Imperialism and the proclamation of the Republic are fresh in the memories of all readers, it does not detract in the least from the official and exceedingly graphic account given by Mr. WASHBURNE in his dispatch of Sept. 4, 1870. After describing the preliminary proceedings, Mr. WASHBURNE goes on to say:

As the session was thus broken up, I would not be resumed for an hour or more, I left the diplomatic gallery and descended into the court of the building facing upon the street which runs parallel with the Seine. There I met a large crowd, people who had been admitted by virtue of tickets. The gates in front of the building had been kept quite clear by the military, though there was an immense multitude of the National Guards and the people in the Place de la Concorde, on the opposite side of the river. The Pont de la Concorde seemed to be sufficiently guarded by the military to prevent their crossing over, but there was quite a number of people on the steps of the Palais Bourbon, and soon they commenced to raise loud cries of "Vive la République!" "Déchéance!" "Vive la France!" At this moment I was called away by the messenger of the Legation, who brought me an urgent message from me to enable her to pass the Prussian lines to visit her wounded husband at Sedan. In company with Mr. KERN, I stepped into an antechamber, where we found a Deputy, and had but just taken my seat at a table to write, when the cry was raised that the people had invaded the building. It seemed but a moment before they were pouring in in great numbers, and it was in vain that I urged that I was a foreigner, and that, under these circumstances, Mr. KERN and myself made our way into the court-yard. There was present a great crowd of people, and, for a moment, a part of a regiment of the line had been brought before the yard, had formed across it, and were loading their muskets. Behind them, and in the street, and running back into the Place, was the front rank of a vast building, was a vast mass of excited people and the National Guard, who had fraternized with the guards, having their muskets butt-end upward as a token of friendship. The scene was a most exciting one, the people who were on the steps of the Palais Bourbon and the people and National Guards in the Place de la Concorde, on the other side of the river; for it was plain that the digest of the troops on the steps that the Guard and the people broke through the military force that was holding the bridge. As the crowd mounted the steps of the Palais Bourbon it was received with a shout of "Vive la République!" and "Vive la République!" and "Déchéance!"

Making our way into the street, Mr. KERN and myself managed to pass through the crowd and to reach the Place, and I went to my home in the Champs Elysées, in the neighborhood, and from the balcony of which we could see all that was going on. And now the soldiers of the Guard, many of them with their hats on the ends of their muskets, surrounded by an immense mass of members, soldiers, and children, poured into the Pont de la Concorde and filled the entire space, all in one grand fraternization, singing the "Marseillaise." The Deputies, with the Mayors of the Municipal Guard, with its shining helmet and gay blue uniforms, was forced back, inch by inch, before the people, until, finally, all military authority became entirely powerless. Deputy (this time the National Guard) after Deputy, the people had taken hall of the Deputies, which they found vacant. M. SCHNEIDER and about a dozen of the members rushed in. The President in vain made appeals for order, and finally ordered the crowd to leave, but his hat, according to immemorial usage of the French assemblies under such circumstances, GAMBETTA, individual, unprepared, made his way to the invaders, and, a little order being restored, quite a number of Deputies entered the hall. But at 3 o'clock irruption into the Chamber took place. JULES FAVRE, who was sitting by my side, rushed and was listened to for a moment. "Let there be no abuse of violence," he said; "let us reserve our arms for the enemy, and fight to the last; at this moment men by thousands are at the frontiers, two days we proclaim the republic." The President had left his seat, and, as it turns out, for the last time. The irruption into the Chamber continued. The President, in the absence of the Deputies, on which a few members of the Left only remained, were filled with a motley crowd in blouses and in coarse woollen shirts, or in the uniform of the National Guard or the Garde Mobile. They wore caps and bags of all colors and shapes, and carried muskets with their muzzles ornamented with sprigs of green leaves. The tumult became indescribable, and amidst the invaders seized on the President's chair and rang his bell continually. The crowd in the hall now demanded declaration of the Republic. The cry was therefore raised, "A l'Hôtel de Ville!" mingled with other cries. GARNIER-PAGÈS, Rochefort, Flourens, and other leaders commenced moving away from the Palais Bourbon.

The crowd having soon sufficiently dispersed, we were enabled to make our way back again to the Corps Legislatif, and to resume our deliberations. The hall was filled with dust, and a rough-looking man was in the President's chair, surrounded by a number of men still more rough in appearance. The sitters and the people were laughing at the antics of the Deputies, writing letters, looking over documents and talking and laughing, all in the best humor. In the hall at this time were Deputies JULES FAVRE, RAMPAL, and a few other members of the Left.

Leaving the Chamber, we went at once to the Hotel de Ville. The number of the people assembled there was enormous, and it was a matter of congratulation between them and the National Guard as elsewhere. The building had been invaded by the people, and all the windows fronting on the square were filled with much joyous shouting. The Place was in a terrible shout went up, ROCHEFORT was being drawn in a cab by the multitude through the crowd. He was gloriously paid he stood up in the vehicle, raised his hat in acknowledgment to the shouts and waving his hat in answer to the acclamations. As he was hauled slowly through the multitude to the main door of the Hotel de Ville, the delirium seemed to have reached its height, and such frantic acclamations I never before heard. At precisely four o'clock and forty-five minutes in the afternoon, by the great clock in the tower of the Hotel de Ville, at one of the windows appeared GARNIER-PAGÈS; a little behind him stood JULES FAVRE and EMANUEL ARAGO; and there and there, on that historic spot, GAMBETTA proclaimed the Republic.

This proclamation was received by every possible demonstration of enthusiasm. Lists were then thrown out of the window containing the names of the members of the Provisional Government. Ten minutes after, GARNIER, RAMPAL, ROCHEFORT appeared at another window and embraced each other, while the crowd loudly applauded the patriotic sentiment. The crowd then swept on, the Tuileries. Sixty thousand human beings rolled toward the palace, completely leveling all obstacles; the vestibule was invaded, and in the courtyard the Garde Mobile of the Palace de Caroussel were to be seen soldiers of every rank, in the presence of the people, removed the cartridges from their guns, and who were greeted by cries, "Long live the nation!" "Long live the Mobiles!" "Long live France!" &c. During all this time there was no violence, no damage, no destruction of property, and the crowd soon retired, leaving the palace under the protection of the National Guard. At the Hotel de Ville some little damage was done, but it nothing to my mind to excite. Some discussion was raised about the changing of the flag, but GAMBETTA declared that the tri-color was the flag of 1792 and '93, and France under it France had been and would yet be led to victory.

From the Hotel de Ville we went back to the Chamber of Deputies, to find it still in possession of the people. From there I returned to my Legation, which I reached at 8½ o'clock. At 8 o'clock I returned to the Corps Legislatif, but on my arrival there I found everything closed and the lights extinguished. The doors leading to the hall of the Deputies had been shut, and seals put upon them. I then drove through some parts of the city, and found everything remarkably quiet. The day had been pleasant, and the night was beautiful beyond description. After making a call upon Lord LYONS, I returned to my lodgings to ponder over the events of the day to become memorable in history. In a few brief hours of a Sabbath day I had seen a dynasty fall and a republic proclaimed, and all without the shedding of one drop of blood.

Mr. WASHBURNE transmits the letters which passed between himself and JULES FAVRE on the subject of recognition. They are merely the formal congratulations of the two Governments. Mr. FISH fully approved the course of Mr. WASHBURNE on matters which had required so much labor and exertion from him.

GOOD OFFICES FOR PEACE.

The effort to secure the good offices of this country in the interests of peace was continued on the 12th of September. Mr. WASHBURNE wrote as follows:

Left on Sunday evening last a messenger, having intimate relations with the Count BISMARCK and Minister DE GRAMMONT, called upon me and my instructions to know if I would, in my discretion, and acting in my own private capacity, undertake myself to bring about a conference between the Prussian Government and the government of France, with a view in regard to peace. I did not know how far I could trust the word of German statesmen, but I knew the high character of the present King, and that, if I would not propose, at least I could not be deceived without warning from my friend. I sent word to him that I would, if I could, do anything in my power to promote the interests of humanity, but that I might obtain your consent to take the step I wished. I therefore telegraphed you at such yesterday, and received your reply late last night. On coming to my Legation at 10 o'clock this morning, I found M. JULES FAVRE awaiting me to ascertain the character of the answer which I had received from you. I then read it to him, and he expressed himself very well satisfied with it, and promised to bring him fully here our Government stood in the matter. While he seemed to appreciate our position, he was evidently a good deal disappointed, and was minded, as communicated by Mr. BANCROFT, in regarding interference. On leaving, he thanked me earnestly for what I had done, and said he hoped that while our Government could not interfere officially, it would give the new Republic of France its moral support.

THE DIPLOMATIC REGIME.

From the 12th to the 20th of September, Mr. WASHBURNE kept this Government frequently informed by cable of the rapidly-culminating events in Paris and France. On the 20th he said:

I am making up a small dispatch to send to London by a gentleman who leaves at noon today. He may get through or he may not. All communication with the outside world is cut off except by the dispatch bag and telegraph. As you will have seen, the great majority of the Diplomatic Body have already left and come to Tours. They are—Lord LYONS, Prince METTERNICH, Mr. ELLIOTT, Mr. TALLEYRAND, Count ARNIM, Spanish Ambassador. They left without any consultation with the other members of the corps.

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On the 28th of September, Mr. WASHBURNE communicated the proceedings of a meeting of the Diplomatic Corps, convoked by the Papal Nuncio for the purpose of determining whether the Diplomatic Body should leave Paris:

Mr. WASHBURNE remarked that he was obliged to the Nuncio, who had taken the trouble to convoke the body, for information of what was done. He believed it in the circumstances they should act in concert. He did not consider that the time had come for the Diplomatic Corps to leave, for he thought they should remain as long as any other body, and, probably, at their own Governments, not for the whole of such of their countrymen as might yet be in Paris. For himself, he desired to give to the Government of the National Defense, which had been recognized by one to it as a Government recognized by the United States. He thought steps should be taken immediately to open communication with it, looking to the departure of the Diplomatic Body, and that, for the sake of anything was accomplished, neither should the Corps should be convened. It would be unnecessary at the present moment, to take any steps in relation to going out of the city, as the Prussian lines had not advanced under it necessary to go. After further and informal expression of opinion, the Nuncio consented to accept the mission confided to him, and he would convene the body at an early day to report as to what had been done.

CITIZENS OF SOUTH AMERICAN STATES.

The next event was the appeal of the Consuls-General of Uruguay, Dominica, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Chili, Paraguay and Venezuela to Mr. WASHBURNE, asking that he would interpose with the Prussians for the protection of themselves and their property, in case of the capture of the city. Mr. WASHBURNE submitted the matter to FAVRE, and received the requisite permission to extend his good offices to the protection of the arms, flags and residences of the Consuls, as well as their fellow-countrymen residing in Paris.

BURNSIDE'S VISIT.

In his next dispatch, Mr. WASHBURNE gives an account of the arrival of some agreeable visitors:

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, PARIS, Oct. 5, 1870. (Received Oct. 18.)

SIR: Much to my surprise and gratification Gen. BURNSIDE and Paul FOSTER, Esq., made their appearance at my residence on Sunday last. They were cordially permitted to come through the Prussian lines by Count BISMARCK, and to bring me a small dispatch-bag. These gentlemen are the first persons who have been allowed to pass through the Prussian lines for two weeks. I have sent dispatches out on two or three different occasions, by persons leaving the city, but have not before today received any intelligence from the outside of the city. Of course, I know nothing of the Prussian force around Paris, nor anything of their plans or operations. As to matters in Paris, I can only say that there has been no material change in the last two weeks. The news of JULES FAVRE seems to have changed the face of things entirely. All Paris is now apparently united and hopeful. They are to have 300,000 men in the city. Ten thousand sailors near their outer forts, which are mostly supplied with naval guns of the heaviest calibre. The inner defenses are wonderfully strong.

DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATION.

Mr. WASHBURNE's remaining dispatches, down to the last received from him, viz., Oct. 21, (received Nov. 28,) are devoted to a recital of the efforts of the diplomatic corps to secure from the Prussians a weekly dispatch-bag through their lines, but which failed, because the diplomatic corps refused to assent to BISMARCK's condition that the dispatches should go unsealed. Mr. WASHBURNE said, Oct. 4:

"For myself, I determined instantly that I would not send dispatches under such circumstances. I assumed that the Government of the United States would permit no other Government to examine the dispatches of its diplomatic representatives. At a meeting of the corps this afternoon, I stated the question, it was unanimously determined not to accept any such condition. The Prussian authorities will be informed that we can receive no other application that will be made to them. If the dispatches I send I remain in Paris, it will be for you to determine as to the measures to be taken to hold official communication with me.

"It seems that the nuncio, acting as the organ of the diplomatic corps, had requested JULES FAVRE to ask Count BISMARCK to advise the corps whenever the bombardment of the city was to take place. This fact only came to my knowledge yesterday, and I sent word to Count BISMARCK, by General BURNSIDE, that I had nothing to do with such a request, as I conceived that, according to the laws of war, the diplomatic corps had a right to a notification of bombardment without asking for it."

DEPARTURE OF AMERICANS.

The departure of the Americans remaining in Paris was another subject of anxiety to Mr. WASHBURNE. He obtained from BISMARCK, through Gen. BURNSIDE, an authorization for all Americans in Paris to pass the Prussian lines, but this was not to be proclaimed. At the request of JULES FAVRE to assent thereto, he, Mr. WASHBURNE, however, on the 24th, this decision was reversed, and permission was granted. On this subject he says, Oct. 24:

I think this decision is mainly due to a friendly feeling toward our Government. From the beginning Mr. JULES FAVRE evinced every desire to carry my wishes in this regard. The granting of the permission for the Americans to leave involved a like permission for the subjects of other neutral powers, and as the Prussian authorities require that I shall give a pass to every person, the desire to avoid giving military lines, I am likely to have a good deal of work on hand for the last few days. I have had prepared a special passport for this purpose, a copy of which I have the honor to inclose herewith.

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THE PASSPORT.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN FRANCE.

The bearer, —, a citizen of the United States, having expressed to me a desire to leave Paris, and to pass the military lines of the powers at war with France, I hereby request the military authorities situated as aforesaid, to allow the said bearer to pass freely, with his carriage, baggage, &c., and to give aid and protection in case of need.

In testimony whereof we, E. B. WASHBURNE, envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States in France, have hereunto affixed our signature and seal of the legation this —— day of ——, 1870.

[L. S.]

DEPARTURE THROUGH THE CENTRAL GATE.

The undersigned, whose name is in the passport on the opposite page, admits that he will not be molested by the aforesaid Minister of the United States, and that he can be the bearer of no newspaper, letter, or package, except personal baggage, under penalty of military law.

PARIS, —— October, 1870.

In the meantime the protection of the United States was further extended to the subjects of Portugal and the United States of Colombia.

THE END.

Mr. WASHBURNE's last dispatch relates to the revolutionary riot in Paris, which took place on the 31st of October:

"I have waited till very late hour before commencing this dispatch, which I hope to be able to start off on a very early hour to-morrow morning. The day has been one of the most exciting and painful. The attempt of Mr. Taxera, the disgraceful affair of La Villette, of yesterday, when the French permitted the Prussians to surprise them and recapture the town, and the terrible news of the fall of Metz, all conspired to create a profound excitement in Paris. It is almost impossible to get at the truth in regard to the state of affairs, but, as near as I can, the number of the National Guards and a crowd of the Red Republicans invaded the Hotel de Ville this afternoon and took the Government of the National Defense prisoners. They then went to work and organized what they called the "Government of the Commune," and fixed upon the candidates to be elected to-morrow by a vote of the people of Paris. I went to the Hotel de Ville at 6 o'clock to-night, and found that it had been invaded by soldiers. The magnificent hall of the municipal council was densely packed with soldiers, sitting, shouting, rolling, and speech-making. All seemed to consider that the revolution was practically accomplished, and that nothing was wanting but a vote of the people of Paris, to be taken to-morrow. I have, that indeed, however, that Gen. TROCHU and JULES FAVRE escaped early in the evening, and that they are now organizing to put down these new revolutionists."

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Severe Storms at Aspinwall—High Floods on the Isthmus—Affairs in Peru.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ASPINWALL, (COLON,) U. S. C., SATURDAY, Dec. 3, 1870.

At the hour I closed my previous letter, per *Arizona*, a severe gale and rain storm was prevailing, and on the morning of the 18th ult. Capt. MAURY was obliged to order the *Arizona's* hawsers to be cut, and the ship put to sea, leaving some cargo behind. Below will be found a very interesting account of the flood along the line of the Panama Railroad, for which I am indebted to the Panama *Star & Herald*:

The stormy weather of the past week has resulted in one of the highest floods known on the Isthmus since the railroad was constructed. Commencing on Sunday last, the rain fell on the Atlantic side toward Portobello swelled into torrents the mountain streams which feed the River Chagres, and thereby increased the volume of the river far beyond its bounds, and laid a large tract of country in the neighborhood of Gatun under water. The flood was still further augmented by the strong northers blowing on the Atlantic coast, which backed up the water of the Chagres and retarded its free course to the sea. On Saturday the water had risen in some places over the railroad track, and it was with difficulty that the afternoon train of that day beach to Aspinwall was turned over. The water continued to rise during Sunday, and on Monday it was decided not to start the regular morning train from Aspinwall till the road was examined. The telegraph got out of order on Saturday afternoon and continued no till late on Monday, so that it was not possible to communicate with Panama. On Monday yesterday morning Mr. LEE, the conductor, left Aspinwall in a locomotive to explore the track. A short distance this side of Gatun Station, he found the water too deep to allow of the locomotive proceeding further. He then took a flat car and a smoke-stack off the locomotive, and succeeded in reaching Mamei Station about 4 P. M., where the trains from this side were waiting on the switch for the expected morning train from Aspinwall to pass. Between Gatun and San Pablo Stations the track was submerged for at some distance, in many places to a depth of three to four feet. For three miles in succession the line of road was not visible; the entire country for miles around was a sheet of water, and the men pushing the car and hauling the canoe were up to their waists. It is impossible to distinguish the bridges from the other parts of the road, excepting by the stronger current and knowledge of the locality in which they were. The freight train which left here for Aspinwall Monday morning remained at Mamei all day; the train with the mails, passengers and specie for the English steamer, which started from Panama, reached Mamei about the time Mr. Lee did, and both trains at once returned to Panama, arriving here about 6½ Yesterday afternoon the water was falling, and as the strong wind on the coast has ceased, we hoped the flood will have subsided sufficiently day before yesterday to enable the mails dispatched with mails, passengers, &c., to connect with the steamer for Southampton, now waiting at Aspinwall. The streams are very much swollen along the entire line of road, and should the rain cease, many days must elapse before the flood has fully subsided. The telegraph line was blown down in the United States, it was repaired yesterday afternoon. The heavy norther which had been blowing at Aspinwall for five or six days, and sometimes reaching to a gale, ended in a terrific thunder-storm on Sunday night. Monday opened calm, with a quiet sea.

Southern Centuries.

By the arrival of the steamer *Chili* at Panama, on the 30th ult., we are in receipt of the following news from the South, as published by the Panama *Star & Herald*:

PERU.

Our advices from Lima, dated the 22d inst., contain nothing of especial interest. The rumors of revolution were gradually disappearing, our correspondent informing us that the check given in the Senate to the disaffected party, by the Ministers, already commissioned to our friend, appears to have taken effect. The Government of Col. BALTA appears to be so confident, it denies that nothing but a powerfully-organized revolt can overturn it, and in the present condition of affairs in Peru, such a movement seems highly improbable. The interest shown by the country generally in the proposed of the very important Pacific Railway in course of construction is an additional guarantee of peace, since the increase in the value of landed property given for remunerative labor presents more attractions to the people than the stereotyped and dangerous proclivity hitherto manifested for bayonet and gunpowder. Nevertheless, the political change is manifested still by a small number of restless agitators. Probably the most important subject of discussion in Lima at present is the solution of the Chinese problem. It is certain that some danger exists from the coolies, who, on Sundays, indulge every occasion to manifest their discontent and appear to only await a favorable moment to repeat the disastrous scenes of September last. Although the Government has in its possession the report drawn up by the Committee appointed to investigate the grievances of these laborers, no action has been taken in the affair, and the Chinese complain bitterly of the treatment to which they are subjected. That extreme cruelty is practiced toward them in some cases cannot be denied, but at the same time the masters have reason to demand the intervention of the Government. An extraordinary belief is entertained by the Chinese that the American Legation in Lima is charged with the difficult duty of protecting their interests, and applications for relief are being constantly made. The clue to this Chinese puzzle as yet to be discovered.

The Results of Putting Too Much Faith in Humanity—Resignation of an Ohio County Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Butler County, Ohio, who—if his story be true—seems to have suffered severely through a disposition to oblige his Republican and Democratic neighbors with loans from the public purse, accompanies his resignation with the following letter:

After I first came into this office, actuated by a disposition to assist some of my friends who were in need, I loaned a few and favored some others of the County of Butler. I permitted them to use portions of the public funds which were idle in the County Treasury, in violation of the law, relying on their representations for integrity and promptness for a return of the same when needed. Some favors were extended to Republicans as well as Democrats, and, though it is no justification of the wrong, the fact may be stated in extenuation that I followed a precedent notoriously practiced by some of my predecessors, and by the treasurers of other counties. Unfortunately for me, when the hour of necessity came, business embarrassments beyond the control of the parties to accommodated prevented a return of the money, and through their delinquencies I became known as a defaulter in office.

When I gave my official bond and entered on the duties of my second term I did so in the full belief that those funds would be returned promptly by the respective parties in accordance with their obligations under the arrangement made with the Commissioners, and any further public money at present thereby to avoid. But an increased tightness in money and embarrassments in business seemed to have prevented this and occasioned another disappointment. Under such circumstances it is but natural that the public mind should be irritated and the property of my sureties in jeopardy. Rather than continuing in office be questioned even by my friends, I resign.

Deeply regretting the annoyance I have thus been made to occasion to a community that reposed its confidence in me, it is in respect to them that I now resign. By thus relieving myself of the further labors and responsibilities of the office, I can devote my time and efforts to a restoration of the public treasury, which I owe to the people of the county, to my friends, my family and myself. J. C. LINDLEY.

The Horses of Tennessee Attacked With a New Disease.

The Knoxville, Tenn., *Press* of the 8th inst. says: "The owners of horses in Knoxville are excited over the appearance of a new and strange disease among the equines, the first case of which terminated fatally on Saturday night. The disease appears to be contagious, and singularly swift in its fatal work. Mr. Jos. A. MABRY has lost three valuable animals since Saturday, the last one dying on Tuesday night. Col. R. H. ARMSTRONG lost two of his horses, one on Sunday and the other on Monday last.

When the horses were first noticed as being sick they became stupid; the eyes badly swollen, and the animals unable to move. Every remedy was applied that the most experienced ill diseases of the horse could suggest, but all failed to check the progress of the disease. The heads of the animals, only, seemed to be affected, though the horses were so weak as to be unable to stand more than twenty-four hours after being attacked the horses died."

EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE INMAN STEAM-SHIP CITY OF PARIS.

The Inman steam-ship *City of Paris*, which left Liverpool Dec. 1, and Queenstown Dec. 2, reached this port yesterday. The news thus received is fresher by five days than that brought by the *Abyssinia*.

The Count DE CHAMBORD had written a letter to the King of Prussia, but had received no answer. The Legitimist agent was not received at Versailles.

A writer in the London *Figaro* says: I am sorry to say the health of the Princess LOUISE is so bad, that no less than four medical gentlemen accompanied her Royal Highness from Scotland to Windsor Castle.

The German Postal Administration has published a notice with regard to the forwarding of Christmas presents to the troops in the field. Parcels containing presents will not be received after the 8th of December. After this date the field post will not undertake to forward them.

The English papers announce the death of GEORGE AXSON BYRON, eighth Baron BYRON, of Rochdale, County Lancaster, which took place on Monday last, after a lingering illness. The deceased peer was the eldest son of GEORGE, seventh Baron, (who succeeded his cousin, the celebrated poet, in 1824,) by his wife, ELIZABETH MARY, daughter of Mr. SACHEVERELL CHES. CHANDOS POLE, of Redbourne, Derbyshire. He was born on the 26th of June, 1818.

M. ABOUT's article in the *Soir*, piteously crying for peace, was thought so valuable in the Prussian camp at Versailles, which was furnished with an early copy, that Count BISMARCK had a special edition of 20,000 printed and distributed among the German troops. M. ABOUT, besides his estate near Saverne, has a charming villa in the suburbs of Paris, just under the cannon of Mont Valérien.

In the preamble to the treaty between the North-German Confederation and Bavaria, it is stated that the new Confederation is to be called the German Confederation, (der Deutsche Bund,) and that its purpose is to secure the inviolability of German territory, and to secure the development of German right, and to promote the welfare of the German people.

Mr. HOFF, correspondent of several German papers at the head-quarters of Versailles, has committed suicide. The cause is said to be an order which he received to leave Versailles, because he had stated in one of his letters that advantages were granted to English correspondents which were refused to him and his German colleagues.

The silk trade of Lyons, says a French paper, is sending immense quantities of goods abroad under the apprehension of a visit from the Prussians; the railways are constantly conveying innumerable bales. The station at Geneva is choked up by them. At Marseilles, one commissionaire is mentioned as having sent off Lyons silks amounting to 10,000,000 francs in value during the last few weeks; another has dispatched silks to the value of 40,000,000 francs. These goods are generally forwarded to English warehouses.

The German poet, ADOLPHE BOETTCHER, has just died at Leipsic, his native city. He was born on the

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

ART IN THE NETHERLANDS. By H. TAINE. Translated by J. DURAND. New-York: LEYPOLDT & HOLT. 1871.

This brilliant essay traces the rise and progress of Dutch art as an outgrowth of the race, habits, and characteristics of the Dutch people. It is clearly as well as learnedly written, although there are physiologists, as well as painters, who will take exception to some of its statements. M. TAINE is always cheerful and entertaining, herein widely differing from his brother art-critic, Mr. RUSKIN, whose Cassandra-like utterances have grown of late exaggerated and tiresome. After lecturing for three years on painting in Italy, M. TAINE resolved to treat his pupils to a year of painting in the Netherlands, and the lectures before us constitute the fruit of this resolution. Setting out with the broad and tempting generalization which divides European art into two classes, inspired respectively by the Latin and the Germanic spirit, M. TAINE shows how the Italians are the best artists of the one school, and the Flemings and Dutch of the other. Thus, he infers, in studying the history of art along with these two races, we are studying the history of modern art with its greatest, while most opposite, representatives.

M. TAINE separates his treatise into what he calls "Permanent Causes" and "Historic Epochs." The permanent causes are (1) Race, (2) the Nation, (3) Art, and the epochs are four, coming down to the present time. M. TAINE is nearly always sparkling and plausible, and his matter is entertaining if not always absolutely convincing. We may not be always able to accept his postulates, or to admit the force of his arguments; but certainly none can deny the fascinating merits of his style. We have, however, to object to this distinguished critic, that he impresses us with the suspicion that he secretly thinks his method of illustrating a subject is quite as important as the subject itself. If this surmise be well founded, the consequence is to be apprehended of a loss of simplicity and candor, and the sacrifice of accuracy to rhetorical embellishment. Yet even admitting this, the charm of M. TAINE'S diction is great, and there are few writers or lecturers who manage so constantly to amuse while ostensibly instructing their audience. This volume, like the preceding, *Italy*, from the same hand, will be read with infinite pleasure by many who are quite ignorant of the technicalities of painting.

SICKNESS—ITS TRIALS AND BLESSINGS. New Edition. AMOS D. F. RANDOLPH & Co.: New-York.

No name appears on the title page of this little volume, but it is the work of an English lady, Mrs. F. C. MASSINGBERD. An invalid for a long term of years, she found consolation in thoughts and studies which are here imparted for the benefit of other afflicted persons in the same situation. The scope of the essay may be inferred from the headings of the parts, which are devoted, respectively, to the "Manner of Looking on Sickness," "Trials and Temptations of Sickness," "Relative Trials," "Temptations," "Duties and Responsibilities of Sickness," "The Blessings of Sickness," "Miscellaneous," "Convalescence," "Death." Written by a communicant of the Church of England, the book contains nothing out of harmony with the teachings of that body. It does not, however, profess to be an exponent of dogmatic theology, and has much that may be read with interest and profit by believers of nearly all shades of opinion. The style is that of a cultivated gentlewoman, and there is strength in the composition, as well as delicacy and good taste.

EPISODES AND LYRIC PIECES. By ROBERT ELLIOTT WEEKS. New-York: LEYPOLDT & HOLT. 1870.

There is much sweetness in these poems, perhaps, sometimes, too much. Mr. WEEKS has imagination, and a fine ear to help his culture and reading, and some of his verses are graceful and melodious. Indeed, among our younger poets, we scarcely think of a name that seems more promising than his. Certainly there is no one who surpasses him in the merits of euphony, neatness and self-restraint, and if Mr. WEEKS could only forget what he has admired in others—he will do so soon, if we mistake not, in the sense to be desired—he would become as original as he is now pleasing. He is one of the writers who need hardly fear being too rugged. His muse needs to be fed on iron rather than honey. Yet these suggestions are perhaps needless, since there are manifest tokens about the various poems in the volume before us that mark the gaps of time between their composition, and indicate a progressive increase of vigor. We sincerely hope Mr. WEEKS will fulfill the promise of the poems now published. There is much in them to admire, and we are not so rich in young poetic genius that we can afford to pass by without hearty commendation attempts that evince the possession of so much ability.

MISCELLANEOUS POEMS. By HENRY FRANCIS LYTE, M. A., Late Incumbent of Lower Brixham, Devon. New-York: A. D. F. RANDOLPH & Co.

Rev. Mr. LYTE having written some hymns that became highly esteemed—the well-known "Abide with Me" being one of the number—subsequently published a collection of poems, chiefly religious, for which there has been for some time in England a continued demand. The poems were issued originally in two volumes, but are now given us in one. Mr. LYTE'S recommending qualities are unaffected piety, uncommon ease, and fluency of versification, and the habitual use of simple forms of expression. This poetry is of the kind that is not easily forgotten, and so possesses one of the best elements of popularity. This volume will be by many eagerly sought and carefully treasured among devotional lyrics of the better literary order.

CONSOLATION AND COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED. Edited by REV. T. L. CUYLER, D. D. With a preface by SAMUEL WILBERFORCE, D. D., Lord Bishop of Winchester. New-York: A. D. F. RANDOLPH & Co.

Dr. WILBERFORCE tells us, in his preface, that "this is the fruit of the long and patient acquaintance of a renewed soul with the precious discipline of weakness and pain." The work consists mainly of extracts, although there is a good deal of original writing by the compiler. Bishop Hall, Cecil, Robert Boyle, Thomas à Kempis, H. Manning, G. T. Noel, Jeremy Taylor, Archbishop Leighton, and J. H. Newman are the chief authors laid under contribution to make up a book whose merit can thereby be partly estimated. It is a very choice collection of edifying reading.

A CHILD'S DREAM OF A STAR. By CHARLES DICKENS. Illustrated by MARCUS STONE. FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co.

A beautifully illustrated reproduction of DICKENS' well-known sketch. Mr. STONE has done almost as much to produce a charming Christmas book as the author, and the printers have been faultless in the part of the work intrusted to them. It is altogether one of the handsomest gift books of the year.

THE CHILDREN'S WEEK. Seven Stories for Seven Days. By R. W. RAYMOND. Illustrated. J. R. OSGOOD & Co.

A collection of stories wherein the marvelous and the familiar are very skillfully commingled. The writer has caught the true spirit of the German fairy romancers, and will, doubtless, succeed in being exceedingly popular with the juvenile readers of the holiday season. The illustrations are more than usually good, and add greatly to the charm of the book.

THE WOMAN AND HER ACCUSERS. A plea for the Midnight Mission, delivered in several of the Churches of New-York and Brooklyn. By W. A. MUHLENBERG, D. D., &c. New-York: FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co. 1870.

Dr. MUHLENBERG offers in this handsome volume his eloquent and judiciously expressed appeal in behalf of fallen women, together with interesting correspondence on the subject from various quarters. The book is said for the benefit of the Midnight Mission, and all who purchase it will have the satisfaction of contributing their mite to so worthy a purpose.

Those, however, who wish to be more liberal, and there must be many such, can send their offerings to the publisher, Mr. FLINT F. SMITH, at No. 26 Nassau-street, New-York, that gentleman being also the Treasurer for the Mission.

—*Lost in the Fog*, by JAMES THORNTON, (LEE & SHEPARD,) is a boys' book, the third of the "B. O. W. C." series, and abounds in rollicking fun, stirring adventure and graphic description as the two preceding. The adventures here narrated are chiefly "moving incidents by flood," and the pronounced fondness of boys for all relating to the sea and ships will doubtless render the volume a special favorite.

—*The Children's Crusade*, an episode of the Thirteenth Century, by GEORGE ZABRISKIE GRAY, (HURD & HOUGHTON,) is rather a historical study for young and old than a juvenile book. The story of a very marvelous incident of mediæval history is told with great power and in a manner calculated to enchain the interest of the reader. The type, paper, and binding give an appropriate suggestion of the antique, and combine to form a very superb volume.

—*How Could He Escape?* By Mrs. JULIA MCNAIR WRIGHT, (The National Temperance Society,) is a tale illustrative of the temptation incident to strong drink, and the ruin to which its use may lead. It is very conscientiously written, and deserves a place among the gift literature of the season.

Juvenile Books.

—*Little Pussy Willow*, by HARRIET BENCHER STOWE, (FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co.,) is a girls' story of the very best kind, full of nature, homely sentiment, and common sense. Amid all the sensational and highly-spiced narratives which it is becoming customary to prepare for juvenile palates, this piece of genuinely realistic story-telling cannot fail to be acceptable and popular.

—*The Merman and the Figure-Head*, a Christmas story, by CLARA F. GUERNSEY, (J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.) A tale of great originality and quaintness. It contains a singular mixture of Grecian mythology, New-England superstition, and Salem social life of the olden time, and yet these oddly compounded ingredients are so handled as to produce a highly fascinating Christmas story.

—*Elm Homestead*, by Mrs. M. O. JOHNSON, (J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.,) contains pleasant sketches of the rural life of New-Hampshire, suitable for juvenile appreciation.

—*We Girls—a Home Story*, by Mrs. A. D. T. WHITNEY, (FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co.) A gossipy, straightforward sort of tale for young ladies and gentlemen. It has no pretensions to any art in the construction of the narrative, being mainly concerned with the commonplace daily life of a not very remarkable family. Nevertheless, it will repay perusal, and leave a healthy impression behind it.

New Magazines.

—*Scribner's Monthly*, for January, 1871. New-York: SCRIBNER, & CO.—When we state that there are twenty-three different articles in this part of a magazine already popular, everybody will at once perceive that the promise made by the publishers, of placing before their readers an attractive holiday number, has been fully redeemed. There is something to please every taste in these pages. The young will find several stories of the character which they delight in at the Christmas season. Those who are disposed for serious reading will also discover that they have been well provided for. The first article is descriptive of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, and beside being written in an agreeable vein is profusely illustrated. Dr. HAYES, the Arctic explorer, contributes a weird story, not without a good moral, entitled the "Goblin of the Ice." The editor has written a Christmas Carol, set to music by Mr. GEORGE G. HUNE. The story of "Lucky Peer," by HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, will please all the old admirers of that favorite writer. Mr. L. E. CROUSSE contributes an article of special interest on "How we Escaped War with Spain," and a paper on Strasbourg after the surrender, illustrated with views taken expressly for this number of *Scribner's*, will be welcome to every reader. We cannot attempt to review all the twenty-three articles contained in this number, but we may fairly say that a more interesting or varied miscellany it would be very hard to produce. Dr. J. G. HOLLAND is evidently determined to make the magazine a success, and his publishers very liberally second his endeavors.

—*The Atlantic Monthly*, January, 1871. Boston: FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co.—The publishers of the *Atlantic*, stimulated by the competition of their younger rivals, have been determined to bring "all the talents" to the production of the first number for the new year. When the names of LONGFELLOW, OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD, J. G. WHITTIER, T. W. HIGGINSON and W. D. HOWELLS are among the contributors, very little more need be said to convince the public that the *Atlantic* nobly keeps up its character. Mr. HOWELLS' paper describes a year's residence in a Venetian palace—and upon the whole it is the most interesting chapter even in this unusually excellent number. Senator WILSON'S article on the "New Departure of the Republican Party," will disappoint its readers—it is barren of really valuable suggestions, is excessively prosy and dull, ill-written in many parts, and contains no ideas which have not long been familiar to the party. It is surely rather an anachronism to recommend "unification" as one of the points in what Senator WILSON is pleased to call the "New Departure" of the Republicans. The article is all "Words, words, words."—Mr. FIELDS' paper on our "Whispering Gallery" is doubtless interesting, but it seems a pity that a writer like THACKERAY should not be able to converse with a friend without having his careless sayings presented to the world, years after his death, as characteristic of the man. Mr. THACKERAY evidently threw off all formality in talking with Mr. FIELDS, but he probably never suspected that his idle jests and "chaff" would be set down in print. His ironical allusions to his own power of speech-making seem to have been taken in earnest by Mr. FIELDS, and consequently THACKERAY is made to appear as a great egotist, when in reality he was one of the simplest and least "conceited" men of his time. Mr. FIELDS records his recollections in the spirit of a great lover of THACKERAY, but it is to be regretted that friends should take the trouble to recollect such trivial incidents. Few men would like all their careless sayings to be printed in a book. The public taste for reminiscences of great men does not demand so great a sacrifice as Mr. FIELDS seems to have been willing to make.

The Unconstitutional Tax on Railroad Receipts in Maryland—Action of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

From the Baltimore American, Dec. 10.

The case of the State of Maryland against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, the trial of which has excited so much attention, not less on account of the large sum of money demanded and refused, than of the constitutional questions involved, came to a sudden termination in the Superior Court on Friday morning by a decision of Judge DOBBIN, which left the finding of a verdict for the defendant by the jury a mere matter of form.

The ground on which Judge DOBBIN based his decision, which, if well taken, is conclusive—and that is that the money legally exacted belongs to the passengers who paid it. Of course it cannot belong to two parties at the same time, and if it is the passenger's it cannot be the State's. As a practical question the fact that it belongs to the passengers, amounts to nothing at all, because no considerable part of it could ever be recovered. As a question of law, however, it stops the State from setting up a claim to the money. We presume that now, in view of the decision, the Company will immediately reduce the price of fare to Washington, and therefore refuse the further collection of a tax that does not belong to it. There is another fact connected with this decision that is worthy of mention, and that is the gradual melting away of the extreme doctrine of State Rights. Year after year the Supreme Court of the United States has been asserting the rights of the citizens of the United States, as against all State enactments that would seek to abridge them, and this last dictum of an orthodox Maryland Court, is not the less emphatic. The right which every citizen of the United States has to travel to the capital of the country, or to whatever other place he chooses, cannot be taxed, either by an express levy per capita, or by a provision in a railroad charter that increases the price of his passage. This decision, when viewed in the light of the times when they were rendered, men of intelligence, and even lawyers of ability, who asserted that the citizens of the United States had not even the right to cross Maryland without the permission, some times exacted, and at the price fixed in the law we have received an announcement that "in pursuance of the purpose announced in the report of the Ohio Finance Committee, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has ordered an immediate reduction of twenty per cent.—the whole amount of the State tax—to be made on the fare of $1 80 now charged between Baltimore and Washington, thus reducing the fare between the points named to $1 20. This reduction will commence Saturday morning. A corresponding reduction has been ordered in the fares at the several stations on the Washington branch." This action of the railroad authorities will give general satisfaction to the traveling public.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Chief-Justice LAWRENCE, of Illinois, is a candidate for the United States Senate.

Complete returns of the Michigan Legislature show that the Republicans have forty majority on joint ballot.

Senator MORRILL, of Maine, is able to leave his room and walk about, and there is now every reason to believe that his health will soon be fully restored.

The Syracuse *Journal* opposes universal amnesty, on the ground, thinking that the men who misled the South in the past are not the men to lead and direct in its new life.

Major CHARLES A. STOTT, who is the Republican candidate for Mayor of Lowell, Mass., is said to be the first native of the city ever nominated for that office.

Somebody thought it advisable to run a temperance candidate for Congressman-at-large in Illinois. The people did not agree with him. In fifty-nine counties he received not a vote.

Col. WEBB BOYD announces that he is an independent Democratic candidate for Congress in the Sixth District of Georgia, and the friends of the regular Democratic candidate do not like it.

The new Democratic Congressman from North Carolina is reminded by the Raleigh *Standard* that in his district it is to secure a daily mail from that place to Fayetteville, over the Chatham Road.

The Columbia (S. C.) *Union* is earnest in its condemnation of the manner in which Congressman BOWEN and Senator SAWYER are conducting the contest for the seat of Mr. DE LARGE in the National House of Representatives.

Col. EDMOND PENDLETON, of Botetourt County, is a Conservative candidate for the Senate from Virginia. One of his friends claims that a more thorough gentleman, a brighter scholar and a better legal mind cannot be found in the State.

It seems to be a question in Massachusetts whether it is more "improper" for a clergyman's daughter to write letters to members of the Legislature soliciting votes for her father as chaplain than it is for a clergyman's son to write similar letters.

Any change in the present tax on whisky is opposed by the Lexington, (Ky.,) *Press*, which is persuaded that the effect of the over-supply, reported in 1869, will be counteracted by a decrease in the supply reported in 1870, and that the best thing for the trade would be for Congress to let the matter alone.

The Providence *Journal* asks why our Government should not pay the French spoliation claims, and, alluding to the proposed purchase of the *Alabama* claims, says equity requires that we pay for what we have already taken and sunk, and then, if before we make a new instrument of the same kind.

The approaching election of a United States Senator to succeed Hon. JACOB M. HOWARD, is exciting discussion in Michigan. Mr. HOWARD is a candidate for re-election, and among the Republicans urged for the position are Congressmen AUSTIN BLAIR, (who was a prominent candidate for the position six years ago,) and Hon. THOMAS W. FERRY, and Hon. WILLIAM A. HOWARD, of Grand Rapids.

Again have the Democratic State Executive Committees of Georgia appealed to the members of the party to perfect at once their county organizations, and to rally unitedly around the regular nominees. Independent candidates are told they must have the magnanimity and patriotism to withdraw, on the penalty of being abandoned to the defeat they deserve.

A Concord correspondent of the Boston *Advertiser* thinks that the contest for the Republican nomination for Governor of New-Hampshire will ultimately lie between Hon. E. J. COLE, of Gilford, Rev. JAMES PIKE, of South Newmarket, and Hon. E. A. STRAW, of Manchester, though Hon. HORTON D. WALKER, of Portsmouth, Gen. NATT HEAD, of Manchester, and Hon. J. D. OTTERSON, of Nashua, will have supporters.

Hon. JOHN H. CALDWELL, independent candidate for Congressman-at-large in the Third District of Georgia, has withdrawn in favor of the Republican candidate. He says that he has canvassed the district thoroughly, and is convinced that his continuing to run will secure the election of the Democratic candidate, while his withdrawal will render it certain that Republicans will be elected. He advises all his friends and supporters to forget the differences heretofore existing, and to unite in support of the nominees of the party.

Through a printer's error 255 votes intended for MICHAEL DONAHUE, a Republican candidate for State Senator in Illinois, were cast in one county for PATRICK DONOHUE, and his Democratic opponent, WILLIAM H. NORTH, was consequently elected by 221 plurality. The certificate of election was issued to Mr. NORTH, but he has written a letter in which he says that as he is fully satisfied that it was the intention of the voters in Moultrie County to vote for MICHAEL DONAHUE, he cannot honorably accept the certificate of election.

The re-election of Senator ROBERTSON, of South Carolina, is not received unfavorably by the Conservative Press. The Charleston *News and Courier* says: "Whatever differences our Assistant Senator may have with us, he is entitled to our thanks, and we hope he will be re-elected, as long as he labors for the good of the whole State, without regard to class or party, it, at all events, will not rake up needlessly the ashes of the past. And the Columbia *Phenix* says that had the minority in the Legislature been in a position to make a choice between the Radical candidates, they would not generally have voted for Senator ROBERTSON as the least objectionable man.

After careful consideration of the subject, and much inquiry of men from various parts of New-Hampshire, the Concord *Statesman*, the leading Republican paper in the State, has come to the conclusion that as general usage of political parties and the current of public sentiment in the State sustain the Cole idea, the Republican success at the annual election in March will be more fully assured by an entirely new Congressional ticket than by continuing any present member upon it. And this, too, although the probability is that the candidates, if nominated, will not equal in ability the present delegation in ability, political constancy and diligence in the discharge of their public duties.

Dissatisfied with the policy and course of the State Administration in Texas, the Austin *Republican* advises the Liberal Republicans to unite with the Democrats in a "conservative" movement, similar to that which won success in Virginia and elsewhere. The *Republican* complains that Governor EDMUND J. DAVIS, the two United States Senators, and many other able members of the Republican Party, from it. At the same time the Galveston *Tribune* devotes an article to the two Senators, in which they are called Republican backsliders, and are condemned in round terms for selfishness and want of sincerity.

Daring Burglary in Onondaga County—A House Entered by Armed Men, the Owner Shot and $20,000 in Mortgages Carried off.

From the Syracuse Journal, Dec. 7.

One of the boldest and most successful robberies ever perpetrated in Onondaga County occurred at an early hour, on Tuesday morning last, at the house of AMBROSE S. MARIS, which is about a quarter of a mile east of Hatchville, in the town of Manlius. About 5 o'clock, Mr. MARIS was unceremoniously awakened from his slumber by a rough thump, and on opening his eyes, saw by the light of a dark lantern, which had just opened, two men standing in the bed-room, one of whom demanded his (MARIS') money and bonds. MARIS remarked that he had no money or bonds, and without more ado, one of the men presented a pistol and fired, the ball striking close beneath the chin of Mr. MARIS, just beneath the eye, and driving the sheet-bone glanced upward, coming out at the temple. Mr. MARIS then informed the robbers that the key of his safe was in a trunk, pointing to one to them, and telling them to take his watch, which hung on the wall, and to go to the barn and take his horse, or anything they wanted, only to spare their lives. The fired man, on hearing the shot, came down stairs, and on entering the room off from the bedroom, was seized by another man and forced up against the wall, and with a pistol to each side of his head was told to "hush," and not to "stir," or he was "a dead man." One of the robbers, of whom there were four, entered the servant girl's room and told her to lie still and not to "open her head," or she would "get a knife into her." Finding the key, the safe was unlocked and ransacked, and a tin box, containing mortgages and notes and between $60 and $100 in money was taken, and the robbers then forced the hired man into the bedroom with the others, and telling them if any of them "stirred or said a word" they would get shot, and closing the door, went off. The inmates of the room remained for the space of half an hour, supposing that the robbers were ransacking the house, but finally hearing no noise in the house, the hired man ventured out and found the robbers had gone. The wound of Mr. MARIS is not of a dangerous character, and the ball was subsequently found on the floor of the room. On examining, it was found that the rascals had carried off, in addition to the money, between $15,000 and $20,000 in mortgages and notes. The mortgages and notes will not avail the robbers anything, as payment has been stopped.

RELIGIOUS.

DEVELOPING MANHOOD.

Sermon by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher on Human Character, with Thoughts on Existing Forms of Government.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER preached before a large congregation, as usual, yesterday morning, in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, on "The Development of Mind, and the Responsibilities Attached Thereto." He took for his text the seventeenth and eighteenth verses of the eighth chapter of MARK:

"And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?"

By way of introduction, Mr. BEECHER said that for the proper interpretation of much of Scripture considerable attention is required to be given to the difference between our language and that in which it was written; to the difference that there is between Oriental modes of thought and our own, modern method of thinking and methods of expression. And this, said he, is eminently the case with much of the teaching of our Lord. His style was full of salient. The rebuke administered in the text to the disciples was called out by their misapprehension of His reference to the leven of the Pharisees, which they evidently understood as relating merely to bread, not seeing in it any reference to the Pharisee spirit. In using the words of the text Jesus took a special mode of saying that every man is responsible for the use of his faculties. Men are equipped with all faculties necessary for their guidance, and God will hold them to account for the right use of them, and for the judgments resulting by means of them. There are no substitutes for a man's own judgment in the world. However many things there may be in which men may transfer a part of his responsibility to others there is left a great residue of elements in every thing in which he is intransferable, and every man must think and find out truth for himself, the value of which will be determined by his having discovered it. All light received from others upon the problems of life must be merely collateral. This is the moral economy in which all nature's laws are administered, and in which all spiritual laws are administered. Even attempts to shift their responsibility is to be viewed with regret, because its efforts must to a great extent interfere with the development of healthful character. No puppet ever runs wrong. Make a doll and it will go just as you want it for a hundred years, and it merely going right was all that its nature consisted of; they could have been made after quite different patterns with a great saving of material. People seem to think that right living is all that is required of them, but right living is only a means to an end. The Divine idea in the creation of the world is evidently to produce manhood, and going right is simply the way by which men are carried on to that object. With men to find out what is right is of as much use as going right. It is the exertion made in finding out truth that forms the foundation for true manhood. To be like God—that is the design for which God is working in the heavens and on the earth—and the method by which he works is by laying on every man the responsibility of the use of the faculties which God has given him—giving them patterns, giving them law, but giving them none of these in such a degree as to interfere with active liberty. This is strikingly illustrated by our nation. We are the nation. We are held responsible here for every mistake, unadvisedness, responsibility at every turn. If a man says to me, "That is a level plain," when there is a precipice before me, and I, in defiance of my own senses, walk over it, I am bound to suffer for making the mistake. If I remember that I mistaken whether to intend to do right or not. I am a pope, I am a sovereign, in the use of my faculties, and it is designed that I shall form my own judgments and accept the results that flow from them. The early part of our life is consumed in learning how to use our faculties, and we rise from childhood up from the exercise of our limbs to the use of reason and the direction of the sentiments. Books may help us to train our senses, but no person can ever dispossess me of the belief that I am primarily bound to find out by the use of my senses all the truth in the sphere in which they act. It is best for a man's own good that he is held responsible for his own judgment and action. Men are continually seeking to find out ways of removing this responsibility. Some think that when the millennial day comes all business will run smoothly and men will come to have every thing easily. Everything done for them by Government. Never! Never! If man is to be made into a tool it has got to go into the fire; and there never will come a day when a man can be made a man except by going into the fire and on to the anvil. No man ever becomes expert in business by saying that he will wait until he is possessed of real power except after probation, and a probation that implies perplexity and blunders overcome. God may have made another world where all this is different, but I speak of the earth as it is, and after man has been experimenting on it for six thousand years. No man can be born into the world without being compelled to find its secrets for himself. No man can transmit his experience to anybody else. Man is made to find things out. A father, after having suffered and blundered in life, is naturally anxious to give his child the benefit of his experience; but it is useless. The boy must have his own experience, and bump his head with unlimited freedom. Everybody is made to go through that school, and those who are not willing to do so have no business in the world.

A government that undertakes to think for its people dwarfs them. Such is a fool's idea of a Government—a paternal government—a government of means of purity, a government for those, the tendency of which is to make men machines. There never was a government that undertook to think for men that made men worth having. Even Judaism was a failure, linked as it was to the most exalted form of theocracy; and all subsequent attempts have ended in making Mosaic laws of conduct, if they are set up to supersede thought and the power to act as independent citizens, make machine men. Such a life is not worth having. It is not in analogy to nature. It may make fine cities and splendid empires. But the thing wanted is not to make grand cities but to make grand citizens. It is not the magnificent empire but the aggregate of people full of intelligence. We are too much inclined at the present day to count power by cities, churches and nations in the aggregate, not seeing that there may be more of power in the individual, and that then the grand object of existence is lost. We have a great deal to find out that has not been told us. We have guides, but still man is superior to them. Man is not to be judged by his creed or his church, for he is superior to circumstances. He is made to be a free agent, and has somethers self-help. All helps are to be employed as so many excitements to individual action. All other men's thinkings are good if they make you think. Then human thought is like manure, valued not for its own sake, but for that which it tends to produce. So all thinking, teaching and experience are good for man, but as so many stimulants to develope in him more power than he would have without them—always good when they help him along, never when they supersede individual action. There are but two exceptions to this rule: these are children, and those persons who are children all their life long. There is also special provision to be made for the feeble, but these are all exceptional. Our Democratic institutions, in which we are now intensely interested, around New-York and Brooklyn, may be fully considered as opposed to the paternal or autocratic form of government. Numerous people who have visited Europe are forever surfeiting us with their talk about the splendors of Paris, as compared with New-York; the security of person and property at all hours and in every part in the former; indeed, with them there is nothing like autocracy, and democracy appears to be beneath their contempt. The merits of autocracy are specially talked about. Although the truth is, there are more jobs under Kings than there ever were in a democracy. The Government is altogether one grand job.

Order is good and desirable, but the strong, robust manhood that is born of turbulent democracy is more so. There may be much that is wrong in the long run the population brought up in a city where citizens are free and manage their own affairs, will be superior to those brought up under a paternal government. No though there are undoubtedly monstrous evils existing, that might be removed by the sacrifice of a few citizens, it is better to preserve the citizen and wait for the time and the men to remove those evils. Autocracy is better than democracy in a hundred ways, but it does not make men, and the latter is to be preferred because it does. If your conception of a Government is that of a machine in which all the parts of the machine perform their work with the utmost regularity, autocracy is what you want, but if you want a Government that will develop manhood, make men strong and vigorous, then you cannot have one of those regular machines. You have got to let them knock their heads at will; you have got to let them fall, and learn by falling to walk straight. Sometimes, when the constitution is not strong it breaks down before the correction is made; but it the constitution is strong there is no fear of the result. At this point Mr. BEECHER passed on to a consideration of the condition of the Jews when the Bible was given to them, and showed that Moses laid down the rules of conduct touching their daily life referred to there, because they were, to all intents and purposes, children, unfit to think for themselves. He added, also, that because a thing may be good for a people in their infancy, that it does not follow that that will be best for them when they become of age. Opposed, however, he said, to all this system of creeds and boundary lines, is Christianity. It throws man back upon himself, and says "Think!" But it does not follow from this that we are not to have rules of conduct in regard to life in general, we are; but the difference is that we make them for ourselves and retain them only when we find them to be useful. Creeds, churches, priests, all are but things of the day and have no right to exist a moment longer than they continue to be of service to us. All things point to the development of manhood, and are only to be commended in so far as they tend to produce that result. In conclusion, Mr. BEECHER quoted the words of the text and declared that reason lies at the root of Christianity, and that only in so far as men use that faculty, in common with others, and direct their life accordingly, are they entitled to the name of Christian.

THE AGE WE LIVE IN.

Sermon by Rev. Dr. John Hall.

Rev. Dr. JOHN HALL preached last evening at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, in Thirty-fourth-street, near Sixth-avenue, in behalf of the Young Men's Social and Benevolent Association, connected with the church. He selected his text from Ecclesiastes, seventh chapter and tenth verse: "Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning these." The sermon was a very eloquent and impressive one, of which the following is a brief outline: There is a tendency, he said, among men to find fault with their own age. The evils of their own day they personally feel, and therefore they make more impression than those of which they have only heard. This is peculiarly recognized in aged people. Passing such a judgment is at least useless. If the days are bad, let them try to make them better. The classical writers among the heathens used to speak of their golden age as past. Christianity teaches them to look forward to their golden age. The speaker then enumerated the sense of the hopeful signs of the present time. First, independence of Church, which was not characteristic of former times. Such men as ARISTOTLE and PLATO cannot say longer exercise that slavish power over the human mind, to which their followers were predisposed, nor is the influence of the State or Church as great as it used to be. In fact all restraints to independence of thought being removed, man is running into the contrary extreme, and the great millennial day of liberty of conscience is attended with some danger. "Lord BACON has said, 'a little learning tends to drive men away from God, but more learning brings them back.'" The second hopeful feature of the age was, according to Dr. HALL, a widening and deepening humanity, which is owing in a great measure to the spread of science, which illustrates the unity of Scripture, that all mankind, regardless of color or clime, are of one blood. Increasing religious feeling also tends to produce a like desirable result. As proofs of the humanity of the age, he referred to the improvements effected in reference to the laws of labor and the condition of criminals. The great fact of the popularity of the works of CHARLES DICKENS is a proof not so much of the kindness of heart of the author, as of the existence of a wide-spread humanitarian feeling among his contemporaries. The third evidence of the advancement of the age is the missionary spirit in this connection. The speaker then referred to the great missionary spirit after the Reformation, and the influences under which it most truly flourishes. He passed a tribute to a church established in Ireland, from which, even at a very early period, missionaries were sent to all parts of Europe. Christian union, he continued, is the fourth hopeful feature of the age. He then spoke of the discussions which have lately taken place in reference to joint commissions, as evidences of a desire to cultivate Christian union, and said that much of the religious dissension which has existed owed its origin to the early customs of England and Scotland, which bound the Church and State together. At present the greatest obstacle to Christian unity is found where the sacerdotal is elevated to a position of too much importance. The fifth hopeful sign of the age is an earnest desire to judge things practically, and the sixth and last referred to by Dr. HALL was the increasing effort for practical work on the part of Christian people. Both of these points were dwelt upon with much eloquence, and were earnestly commended. He then spoke of the Young Men's Association of the Church, and commended it to the support of the congregation. He revealed to the young men's ears to bring discredit on the cause of Christianity by a want of harmony between their words and deeds, but to live soberly, wisely, and according to the teachings of Christ.

In conclusion, he said they had no cause for despondency, but should feel hopeful. They stood on a sure foundation, and can look forward to a bright, golden age.

At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken up in aid of the Young Men's Social and Benevolent Association.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Self-Reliance—Discourse by Rev. Merrill Richardson at the Congregational Church, Corner of Madison-avenue and Forty-seventh-Street.

Rev. MERRILL RICHARDSON, pastor of the New-England Congregational Church, corner of Madison-avenue and Forty-seventh-street, preached yesterday morning on the subject of "Self-reliance," selecting his text from the thirty-second chapter of Deuteronomy, eleventh verse, "As the eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them upon her wings," &c. The reverend gentleman instituted a comparison between the conduct of the eagle in the management of its young as portrayed in the text, and that of God in fulfillment of the design of creation. If permitted to remain in its nest without the exercise of its faculties, the eaglet could never soar the mountain summits and approach even the midday sun; so man can never attain his God-like destiny without the development of his powers. The speaker then illustrated, he said, afforded no instance where a nation or a people became pre-eminently distinguished unless through a sea of struggle and sacrifice. Greece, by its early sufferings and trials, gave to the world a literature and an art which has left an impression that time cannot efface. The Puritans, a band of persecuted Christians, became the leaders of the world, and it was only after forty years' privations in the wilderness, the Israelites were rewarded with the Land of Promise. It was never known that God molded an individual or a people of his own motion to a perfect state of being. The Creator permitted them to do for themselves, and, like the eagle, He will then cheerfully lend His sustaining support. In the fulfillment of this purpose no difficulties should dishearten the effort. They should be impressed with a feeling of self-reliance, and, besides, of occasional reverses, strengthened and improved. The pride of ancestry was full of honor, and the knowledge of our exertions doubled the consciousness of power. This feeling of self-reliance, and the operation of our natural faculties, he maintained, did not diminish our self-dependence on God, but by bringing us into closer relationship with Him, increased it, if many fold. He observed that in every day life there was apparently a greater amount of exertion displayed by the humbler classes than by the children of the wealthy, but there was more real joy in the consciousness of being our own providers than in the possession of ease. The speaker concluded his young hearers to greater efforts in all their worldly affairs. True manhood is never reached in indolence; it is only secured by a determined purpose to be successful. They would make a great many blunders and mistakes in life, but these should not discourage them. Difficulties until all are brought to grace. The Church of Christ recognizes no distinction between men; it examines the heart and not the outside appearance. We need religion in the real work of life. It is not a scabbard of convenience. We need it in all the buildings of life, in every day's task. It is to be the stone and mortar, the trowel and compass to guide us to eternal life. Masonry is of great importance, as, if the foundation is secure, the whole building is firm. So it is with religion; if we lay a firm foundation we are safe. We should work in harmony, building up the great building which is to make the world better. Christ is the corner-stone of the Church, and if we rest upon Him we are safe. Christ built his Church upon a rock, and it withstood all persecutions, and it now stands secure and purified. The Church of Christ does not rest on one individual. It does not stand on Peter or Paul, but on Christ himself. Some do not believe in the Church, and scoff at it; but they should take warning from VOLTAIRE and others, and when the last terrible hour arrives, and when death stares them in the face, they should be prepared to die in peace. If we throw away Christ, and make a foundation of our own, when the time comes we'll be found wanting. We should lay a foundation here that will stand, and not be corrupt or swept away, and in this there is a purpose grander than erecting marble structures. As they saw the importance of a good foundation in all the business of life, they should build upon the rock Christ Jesus, and not spend all their lives in toil. The storm may soon come, and they should be prepared. Let them build on Christ while they have strength, and make their lives just, as God wished they should be.

The Octave Sunday of the Immaculate Conception—How it was Observed in the Catholic Churches Yesterday.

Yesterday was, in the ecclesiastical calendar of the Catholic and Episcopal churches, the third Sunday of Advent; but being within the octave of the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin MARY, it was, in some of the churches of the first-named denomination, the occasion of more than usual solemnity in honor of that festival. In most of the churches, however, as the TIMES has already noted, the special services attaching to the feast were held on Thursday, the actual day of the national festival. In the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Fourteenth-street, there was solemn high mass, of which Rev. Dr. MONAGHAN was celebrant. Here the services were more elaborate than usual, in consequence of the fact that the Forty Hours' devotion was ended. It will next be observed in St. Stephen's, Twenty-eighth-street, near Third-avenue. The special services in honor of the feast in the Church of the Immaculate Conception were held on Thursday, and have been described in the TIMES of Friday.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral high mass (the usual one of Sunday) was celebrated by Rev. Father MOGEAN. After the first Gospel had been chanted, Rev. Father MCNIMANY, Secretary to the Archbishop, preached from St. John, first chapter, verses 19 to 29, descriptive of the inquiry made of the precursor of our Lord by the Priests and Levites as to who He was, and why, if not the Christ, nor a prophet, He was baptizing. The reverend preacher set forth in eloquent phrases the humility of John the Baptist, who refused to gratify his pride and vanity by taking to himself the merit of being the "expected of the nations," and he drew the further moral lesson, also, from the Gospel of the day, that the divine virtue of charity was incumbent on all, no matter of what condition of life. At the offertory Mme. CHOMA gave a splendid rendition of the "Fac me Flagis Vulnerari," from ROSSINI'S "Stabat Mater." The mass sung on the

CURRENT NOTES.

The population of Wilmington, N. C., has increased nearly sixty per cent since 1860.

The death of Mr. W. A. WINTER, of the Indianapolis *Sentinel*, has been announced.

The springs in North Iowa are almost dried up. No rain has fallen in that section for months.

The corner-stone of the new Capitol at Albany, which was lately brought from Dix Island, weighs twenty-eight tons.

A silver shekel, said to have once lain in one of the vaults of King Solomon's Temple, is on exhibition at Norwich, Conn.

Seven prisoners escaped from the Henderson, Ky., prison a few nights ago through the help of a short stick of cut-wood.

Gov. STEVENSON, of Kentucky, recognizes the existence of the Kuklux in that State, by offering a reward of $500 for the capture of the murderers of two negroes.

JOSEPH DIXON, a contemaian of Six-Mile, Mahaska County, Iowa, suicided himself in selling and buying stock, and controlling several hundred acres of land.

PICKING, the alleged wife-poisoner, of Greece, in this State, was discharged from custody, last week, through the failure of the prosecution to make out a case against him.

A miner from Guilford County, Ind., reports that the mines in that district yield sixty per cent. of copper, but are not at present worked owing to floods in the Deep River.

The City of Cleveland, Ohio, "an imitation of Chicago," is excavating a tunnel under Lake Erie, a mile and a half from the shore, for the purpose of procuring a supply of pure water.

Among the bequests of the late Mrs. JANE F. BALDWIN, of Boston, was one of $10,000 to the permanent memorial fund of the Woman's Board of Missions.

A man named SKINNER, against whom there are three indictments for forging pension papers, escaped from the detectives last week at Chicago.

MARK WALTON, the last of the "old guard of New-Orleans merchants," died recently in that city, at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

The recent arrival at New-Orleans of a ship directly from China, with an assorted cargo of Chinese productions, is looked upon by the *Picayune* as "a fact of very considerable significance."

A chemical analysis of the stomach of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH MONROE, of Pennsylvania, who was supposed to have been poisoned by her husband, has resulted in his complete exoneration.

Gen. LONGSTREET denies the accuracy of the report which credits him with having refused to allow the United States flag on the New-Orleans Custom-house to be lowered to half-mast as a mark of respect to the late R. E. Lee.

Mrs. or Miss ISABELLA B. HOGGER, an earnest advocate of female suffrage, has recently been engaged in the work of sending into every family in the State of Connecticut a tract entitled, "The Legal Disabilities of Married Women."

A Louisville *Courier-Journal* recently published sketches of from twenty to thirty of the most noted murderers of that city. It is a remarkable fact that the majority met with violent deaths, and that in nearly every instance whisky was the moving cause.

The will of MATTHEW MOUATT, one of the passengers who went down with the ill-fated steam-ship *Cambria*, has been admitted to probate at Springfield, Ohio. The estate, valued at $20,000, is nearly all bequeathed to religious bodies.

Another shocking accident from the carelessness of kerosene, occurred near Elmira last week. The wife of Mr. HIRAM EVERITT was fatally burned while holding in her hand a lamp, the top of which was broken. In moving about, the oil took fire, and an explosion followed.

The *L'Independant*, a French Canadian paper published at Quebec, concludes an article on the condition of the Dominion, showing her defenselessness in the event of a war between the United States and England, by declaring that "the next election is to decide whether the people shall any longer submit to be led by charlatans and idiots."

Messrs. LEOPOLD & OPPENHEIM, merchants of New-Orleans, were lately arrested and held to bail on a charge of having in their possession a large quantity of dry goods, which had been stolen from the wheel of the New-York steamers in that city. The goods disappeared in such a mysterious manner that the efforts of the detectives to discover the thieves were unrewarded for quite a considerable time.

A gang of spurious detectives were arrested at Chicago last week. They had been engaged quite extensively in restoring property on the Jonathan Wild principle. Having had a large connection with rural thieves, who used to place stolen horses on a way to be returned to the owners for a consideration, the "detectives" contrived to make plenty of money and live in splendid style.

The President of the gift enterprise for the benefit of the San Francisco Mercantile Library has issued a report of his experiences up to the time of the drawing. He says that the "crushing necessities" of the case were a sufficient justification for seeking capital through such a means. The tickets realized $1,500,000, and after paying all expenses, the net proceeds were $810,123 22. "Out of this sum," adds the President, "the trustees have paid every debt of the Association. They have also finished the building and contents for three years at a low rate of premium, which has been paid, and have now in the treasury the sum of $90,707. The Association now own a large and exceedingly valuable property, which is entirely free from embarrassment. Probably no Mercantile Library Association in the country can boast of such a structure, possessing such accommodations and convenience in every respect. The annual revenue of the Society, from rents and from the dues of subscribing members, is at present from $2,300 to $2,500 per month. The expenses of every description amount to about $1,200 per month, leaving a balance of from $1,100 to $1,300 a month, which can be devoted to the purchase of books."

New-Jersey State Taxes.

The State takes of one per cent. on the valuation of all property, and amounting to $393,461 21, are now due at the New-Jersey State Treasurer's Office. Of this amount $277,000 will be for the use of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the payment of interest on the war debt. The following is the amount assessed to each county:

Atlantic	$4,562 67	Middlesex	$22,022 00
Bergen	12,311 96	Monmouth	27,700 15
Burlington	22,662 00	Morris	17,000 00
Camden	16,814 70	Ocean	4,346 71
Cape May	4,000 00	Passaic	14,202 00
Cumberland	11,170 00	Salem	11,000 00
Essex	94,728 00	Somerset	15,671 97
Gloucester	12,000 00	Sussex	16,428 21
Hudson	56,146 00	Union	22,662 00
Hunterdon	27,812 15	Warren	22,000 00
Mercer	22,000 00		
Total			$393,461 21

Counterfeit Money Swindlers Trapped.

For a considerable time past Capt. PETTY, of the First Precinct, has been desirous of trapping a couple of swindlers named JOHN HECKLING and WM. TURNER, having an office at the corner of Liberty and Nassau streets. These fellows have flooded the country with circulars, offering, under the pledge of secrecy, to furnish the receiver of the circular counterfeit money in any desired quantity at the rate of $10 in counterfeit for $1 good money. The firm operate under the name of Owens & Brother, Fisher & Co., Bell & Son, Johnson & Co., Worden & Co., and other aliases. Among others who received these circulars was SAMUEL SWINE, of Fort Montgomery, Orange County, N. Y., and on Saturday he came on to New-York and visited the office of the firm and paid to Officer ELIAS ALLEN, the clerk in attendance, the sum of $60, for which he was to receive $600 in counterfeits, the package to be sent during the evening so as to give opportunity for the base of the purchaser. When SWINE left the office, he was accosted by the officers whom Capt. PETTY had placed there, and finally admitted to them the arrangement he had made. The officers then arrested the proprietors and the clerk ALLEN. On examining the books of the firm, it was ascertained that one of them, in the case, "honor among thieves," is now found that ALLEN had appropriated $10 of the sum paid him by SWINE, only $50 being credited to the firm. Yesterday the prisoners were taken before Justice Dowling, at the Tombs. The Magistrate decided that the second charge had not been committed, inasmuch as the package had not been sent, but as the prisoners were somewhat impatient toward the Magistrate, he locked them up to await an examination.

CITY WAR NEWS.

The German War-Fund Collections.

Consul-General JOHANNES ROSSING, on Saturday, made another remittance of the German war-fund collections to the Central Aid Committee in Berlin, amounting to $5,000 thalers, making, with the previous remittances, a total of 546,000 thalers. During the past week $26,000 ct. were received at the General Consulate, including the proceeds of the Brooklyn German Fair, amounting to $20,000. The subscriptions of last week also include $500 by the German Patriotic Aid Society of Albany, third donation; $151 by a German entertainment at Etna, Penn.; $621 by the German Patriotic Aid Society, at Chillicothe, Ohio; $50 by the Germans at Pomeroy, Ohio; $100 by the German Patriotic Aid Society of the First Ward, second contribution; $125 by the Jackson Guard; $97 by the German Dramatic Club, the proceeds of a dramatic benefit performance; $150 by the employees of a factory at Hellendaegen, Penn.; $125, the proceeds of a dramatic performance at the Wallack Theatre; $100, the proceeds of a lecture on Saxon Saxonia's Women's Life, Germania Hall; $50 by the German Lutheran School, corner Avenue B and Ninth-street; $25 by the Fidelia Aid Maennerchor; $50 by the Germans at Stamford, Conn.; $25 by a German school in Hoboken, and $50 by the Nineteenth Ward Rifle Club.

The Berlin Central Committee to aid of the wounded and the widows and orphans up to the latest date, had collected 4,222,000 thalers, of which 468,816 thalers were contributed in the United States, 180,812 thalers were collected in England, 91,362 thalers in Russia, 17,445 thalers in Austria, 14,278 thalers in Italy, 11,195 thalers in Switzerland, 216 thalers in Spain, 21,250 thalers in South and Central America, 20,568 thalers in Asia, 1,866 thalers in Australia and 172 thalers in Africa. The cost was collected in Germany, viz: Berlin, 281,021 thalers; Hamburg, 221,063 thalers; Bremen, 176 thalers; Prussia, exclusive of Berlin, 801,267 thalers; in other sections of Germany, exclusive of Bremen and Hamburg, 172,701 thalers.

The French Subscription.

The French Subscription Committee in this City has received a second subscription of the French residents in Boston, amounting to $202.35, making a total of $2,315, inclusive of $1,000, the proceeds of a concert given in aid of the relief fund.

Mlle. OTHILIE BODISSON, who, from the commencement of the war in France, has been indefatigable in her efforts to collect funds and materials for the wounded defenders of her native country, has now that the affairs of the French Bazaar, with which she has been identified, have been disposed of, resumed her charitable and patriotic undertaking. She announces that, in the meantime, she has received cash contributions from various sources to the amount of $116, besides a large amount of goods and articles for the wounded, valued at about $200, which will be forwarded in the *Ferero* on Saturday.

Court Calendars—This Day.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART 2, AND OTHER AND TRIAL TERMS.

Held by Cardozo, J.

No civil calendar.

Part 2.—Held for Van Brunt, J.—Court opened at 10½ M.

Nos.		Nos.	
656—Bassett, Jr., vs. Le Roy.		1422—Munson, Adm'r, &c., vs. Hodges.	
1676—Hill, vs. Mechanics.		2016—Gwynne, Adm'r, vs. Hoey.	
1772—McCarty vs. Boston.		1776—Russell vs. Mutual.	
2—Smith, Jr., vs. Goodwin.		1777—Russell vs. Kelly, Sheriff.	
1749—Brown vs. Watts.		2018—Reeves vs. Lynch.	
1824—Green vs. Gilbert.		2022—Day vs. Raymond.	
1914—Richards vs. Cullen.		1944—Post vs. Cornell.	
1920—Meyer vs. Hendricks.		1945—Post vs. Cornell.	
1922—Reynolds, vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c.		1946—Post vs. Cornell.	
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WALLACK'S THEATRE.
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Broadway, near Prince-st.
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24th-st., near Broadway.
TWELFTH NIGHT. Leading characters by Messrs. Harkins, Polk, Lewis, and Miss Fanny Davenport.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.
Eighth-av., corner 23d-st.
LES BRIGANDS. Leading characters by Mlle. Montaland, Mlle. Persini, and M. Cazaux.

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Sixth-av., corner 23d-st.
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LITTLE JACK SHEPPARD. Leading characters by Miss Ada Richard, Miss Lina Edwin, and Mr. Ledbrook.

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LECTURE BY MISS ANNA E. DICKINSON. Subject—"Joan of Arc."

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

Rumors of negotiations for an armistice prevail in London. Riots are reported to have occurred in Berlin on account of the calling out of the married men of the Landwehr. The Prussian Government has informed the Grand Duke of LUXEMBOURG that as he has allowed a violation of the neutrality of the Grand Duchy by the French, Prussia will no longer respect the neutrality of Luxembourg, nor be bound by the treaty of 1867.

The Tours branch of the Government has gone to Bordeaux, in apprehension of a "raid" by the Germans. M. GAMBETTA has gone to the Army of the Loire, now divided into two commands, with the "supreme object" of reaching Paris. Gen. BOURBAKI, by decree, is placed in command of the First Army, and Gen. CHANZY to that of the Second Army. BOURBAKI's force is on the right bank of the Loire. Gen. D'AURELLE DE PALLADINES declines the command of the military camp at Cherbourg, which has been offered to him. King WILLIAM telegraphed to the Queen on the 6th, that there was severe fighting near Meung, on the Loire, on the 5th; that more resistance is expected there, and that one gun, several ammunition wagons and 200 prisoners were taken. Gen. CHANZY, commanding one division of the Army of the Loire, states that the Prussians, under the command of Prince FREDERICK CHARLES and the Duke of MECKLENBURG, made an attack all along his lines on Thursday night and Friday. After an all-night fight, chiefly in the vicinity of Beaugency, the French succeeded in routing the enemy, driving them beyond Grande Chartre. A London dispatch, of the 8th, states that Englishmen arriving there from Havre report that the Germans were marching on the city, and were expected hourly to invest it; and a Havre dispatch, of the 7th, gives the same information. The French Government have hurried off iron-clads to protect the city.

Gen. DUCROT issued an order to his army at Vincennes on the 8th inst., in which he says that after two days of glorious battles they had recrossed the Marne, finding their efforts fruitless. When the enemy has not time to concentrate, the contest will be renewed. Preparations for decisive great movements and fresh sorties are in progress. Two English houses, it is said, have contracted to supply Paris with food immediately after the capitulation. The French officers and war prisoners in Germany are reported as strongly against the restoration of the Bonapartists. In Burgandy, the Prussians have exacted 1,000,000 francs indemnity, for the expulsion of the Germans.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The King of Saxony has assented to the proposition that King WILLIAM assume the title of Emperor of Germany. A note from Count VON BISMARCK was received by the President of the North German Parliament on the 6th inst., stating that King WILLIAM had accepted the title of Emperor of Germany.... The Belgian Minister of State has resigned. ....The King of Italy has decorated SERRANO, PRIM, ZARTERO and ZORRILLA with the Order of the Annunziade....The 22d of December has now been fixed as the time for the Duke of AOSTA's departure from Italy for Spain.... The steam-ship *Union* has parted amidships off Rathray Head, and little of the cargo will be saved. ....

EUROPE.

Storms have been tempestuous for some time, and several disasters are reported from London and Liverpool. The River Neva in Russia, is frozen over.... Gen. SHERMAN is in Athens.... FRANCIS DONAI, of New-York, shooting in a London telegram, fell or threw himself from his window in a hotel in that city on the 3d inst., and was killed.... By an explosion in a cartridge manufactory in Birmingham, England, on the 9th, twenty persons were killed, and thirty or forty wounded.... The London Times of Thursday contains a conciliatory editorial on the *Alabama* claims. It asks "no indemnity for the results heaped on England in consequence of the depredations of the *Alabama*," but craves a settlement of the claims to bring about a better feeling and closer unity between the two countries. The *Morning Post* of the same morning bewails the state of politics in this country. It sees no hope of better relations, "as the best Americans avoid or are driven from political life, while men like Gen. BUTLER wield political influence, and ostentatious courtesy is shown to be nations supposed to be unfriendly to England."

SOUTH AMERICA.

News from various parts of South America has come to hand by way of Lake City, Fla. At the date of the latest advices small-pox was prevalent in Chili.... The insurrection in Bolivia was extending, and a battle was imminent before Potosi. The Carnoal mining fever was on the decrease, and the excitement is said to be greater than that following the discovery of gold in California.... The City of Montevideo, in Uruguay, was besieged by 1,500 men, who demanded the banishment of the members of the actual Government.... The revolution in Peru was ended.

AUSTRALIA.

Advices have been received from Australia to the 21st of October. In New South Wales there was much anxiety as to the effect which would be produced on the relations of the colony by the complications in Europe. French and German steamers were lurking about, and the defense of the ports by torpedoes was talked of.... The Government had contracted to pay $90,000 a year for the California mail service.... New tariff rates had been put in force.... Prince ALFRED's ship, the Galatea, was to proceed homeward in November. The Prince had closed the Intercolonial Exhibition.... There had been disastrous floods in Victoria.... New discoveries of gold were reported, and the crops were said to be good. The Victoria Parliament was in session, and engaged on a Liberal Land bill.

GENERAL.

The claim against the Spanish Government for the seizure of the steamer *Lloyd Aspinwall*, was paid by Minister ROBERTS on Saturday.

There are reports of an intended attack on the south-eastern frontier of Utah by the Navajo Indians, under the Yampahute Chief PATSINE.

A meeting of the Catholic churches of Albany is to be held soon to protest against the occupation of Rome by the King of Italy.

At the meeting of the National Board of Trade, at Buffalo, on Saturday, a discussion arose on the subject of making a ship channel of the Erie Canal, at the expense of the country at large. The Board will probably finish the work today.

Mr. WM. SPENCER, who was reported to have committed suicide at Syracuse, is now supposed to have been murdered. Two young men named ANTHONY DEAN and DANIEL CONSOLLY are charged with the deed.

LOTTIE FOWLER, who has been on trial at Bridgeport, Conn., for fortune-telling, was discharged on Saturday.

JOHN ARMSTRONG and CHARLES JOLLY, the alleged murderers of the LAFFIN family, have been sent back to Potosi from St. Louis, for trial, in charge of an armed posse constitutus.

Mr. OBERHAUER, a German merchant from New-York, was robbed and murdered by five negroes in Havana, on Friday last. The authorities are in search of the offenders.

More hostile demonstrations against the Christians at Tien-tsin are reported.

HANLON, convicted of the murder of MARY MOHERMANN at Philadelphia, has been sentenced to be hanged, the Court having refused him a new trial. He made a violent speech, accusing the detective officers, who testified against him, of perjury, and asserting his innocence of the murder.

The Fenians of Buffalo are reorganizing and preparing for a new movement to free Ireland.

GIBEON JOHNSON and THOMAS LAWTON have been arrested for the robbery and attempted murder of AMBROSE S. MANN, at Hartsville.

CRISTOBAL MENDOZA, Cuban Ex-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, was lately executed at Puerto Principe. He advised his countrymen to lay down their arms.

It is stated to be the current belief at Ottawa that the withdrawing of the bonding privilege would lead to the closing of the Welland Canal to American vessels.

The General Corn Association at Montreal has resolved to petition the Dominion Parliament for the repeal of duties on flour and grain.

They have been having terrible weather in the neighborhood of the Isthmus of Panama, and several vessels are reported lost.

The trial of WOODS and SULLIVAN for the murder of WILLIAM BRADLEY resulted in the disagreement of the jury at Boston on Saturday.

A large part of the village of Rochelle, Ill., was burned on Saturday. The loss is stated at $70,000.

The Winter and the Unemployed.

The number of unemployed in this City was probably never much greater than it is at present. Every business man could tell us that his office is besieged by clerks, book-keepers, and others, anxious to find some sort of occupation. People who fill prominent positions are almost weary of replying to these distressing applications. An advertisement for an assistant in almost any branch of business will bring hundreds of answers. Very few of us can form any idea of the real extent of destitution which now prevails among the classes which depend for daily bread upon their daily labor. The war has injured some departments of commerce; local causes have depressed others. In monetary and banking circles, "Rings" of one kind or another have thrown cold water on all speculation or enterprise. The smaller class of store-keepers say that never have they known so dull a Christmas season. As the Winter sets in with greater intensity, the melancholy ranks of the unemployed will inevitably receive many additions. Various kinds of out-door occupation will be closed, to mechanics and artisans. The prospect of a hard Winter is before us, and we shall not improve matters by closing our eyes to the plain truth.

It is natural to ask, at such a time as this, how the governing party of the City and State is engaged? The class which lives directly upon its earnings is taught to believe that Tammany is its best friend. That being so, what has Tammany done, or what is it doing, to lessen the general distress? The story is soon told. Last October and November it enticed away from regular employment a large number of workmen whose assistance it wanted for electioneering purposes. It gave more than the standard rate of wages, and exacted very little work in return. These tactics demoralized the labor market, and ruined those who allowed themselves to be entrapped. Very many of the "laborers" taken on to vote for Tammany on the 8th of last month have since been discharged. Room has been found for others by displacing men who have committed no fault but that of being in the way. And now what are the leaders of Tammany doing to provide against the distress which their high taxation, and wholesale misuse of the public funds, have done so much to occasion? The reply is very simple. They are busy, as usual, feathering their own nests. They are, for instance, publishing a paper which they call the *Transcript*, consisting of 504 pages of advertisements which nobody wanted and nobody reads, but for the cost of which the taxpayers of this City will be called upon to furnish nearly $30,000, at the lowest estimate. TWEED and SWEENY care nothing whatever for the "working class," or any other class. They steal $30,000 out of this infamous Transcript job alone, and then stick paragraphs in their subsidized newspapers boasting that the furniture in their houses is the "most gorgeous" to be seen in town, and that it was designed expressly for them. While hungry working men seek anxiously for employment, so that they may have the means of giving their families one meal a day, these harpies revel in luxury and dissipation. They choose this, the hardest part of the year, to publish their swindling journal of 504 pages—every page of which has to be extravagantly paid for by the poor and needy. The JOHN JACOB ASTORS and MOSES TAYLORS easily shirk their share of the burden. When TWEED and SWEENY increase *their* taxes, they quietly shift the expense to their tenants—and then come out and sign a dishonest report, certifying roundly that there is no mismanagement of the City finances. When that day of trouble arrives which these men are trying to bring about, their share in the general misfortune will not go unrewarded. There were political adventurers very similar to TWEED and SWEENY in France prior to 1789. There was also a wealthy class, like that of the ASTORS and TAYLORS—and for a time all went well. But one day the people cried out for *bread*, and refused to take trumped-up certificates or "reports" in place of it. We all know what happened. The oligarchy in this City, now chuckling over their grand houses and fine furniture, may think it very unlikely that the people will ever get out of patience with them; but a few years more of their unbridled profligacy, followed by great destitution among the classes willing to work and unable to find work to do, will suffice to undeceive them.

It would be madness to expect reform from these hardened and unscrupulous tricksters. The Republicans must take the "working man's question" into their own hands—for it is fast becoming a question which refuses to be trifled with. Tammany has said to the laboring man, "We can befriend you, and we alone," and everybody can see what has been done. The malady has been treated by the vilest system of quackery. And although we have the evil developed here in a more formidable manner than is common elsewhere, yet undoubtedly it is extending, and as the country becomes covered with great centres of population, it will extend more and more rapidly. Misgovernment and charlatanry, such as we in New-York are cursed with, will aggravate its consequences—nothing but very wise government can effectually extirpate it. The Republican Party should identify itself, in an active and living manner, with the true interests of the industrious classes. We have still vast tracts of land left unpeopled, but it is useless to bid the unemployed to go thither, without even inquiring about their fitness or means for the work. A policy might be adopted which would expand the encouragement to settlers already given under the Homestead law, without involving any special drain upon the resources of the Government. The Republican Party should introduce that policy—should be associated with it in the mind of every intelligent working man throughout the country. We have on this continent the finest opportunities ever offered to mankind for providing against the growth of a permanent indigent class—it is lamentable to think how many of them have been misused, or are utterly thrown away. There never was such wicked improvidence seen in the world as that which is involved in the wholesale grants of public lands to all sorts of crazy schemes and companies. That, at least, can be immediately stopped. It will be our own fault if the co-operative principle cannot be used in such a way as to encourage the unemployed to found new settlements, instead of starving in overcrowded cities. The Democrats are too intent upon plundering the community to afford it any assistance. The Republicans must perform the great work of preventing the continued threatened spread of destitution, and the perpetual existence of a large unemployed class.

Colonial Difficulties.

The Australian colonies are trying to arrange a policy of confederation, in its general features not unlike that which has brought about the Dominion of Canada. Whether coercion and fraud and bribery are to be employed to establish a united Australia, after the example set in the treatment of Nova Scotia, we are not permitted to know. That the policy is fostered by the Imperial authorities there can, however, be no doubt. Equally certain is it that the more far-sighted of England's statesmen see in these movements steps toward a condition of independence on the part of the colonies concerned. Australian opinion is probably better prepared for the final solution of an embarrassing problem than that of Canada. But in both instances there is a timid shrinking from a step that will be sooner or later inevitable. The colonists are conscious of the disasters that await them whenever England becomes again involved in war, but they have become so accustomed to depend for favors upon Downing-street that they lack nerve to rely upon their own resources.

From the possible perils foreshadowed by European conflict, the Australian Federation Commissioners propose to escape by a device of child-like simplicity. They "recommend the colonies to make application to the European Powers to declare the colonies neutral in the event of England's becoming belligerent." Of course the Canadian Government would marvelously like a similar declaration in favor of the colonies composing the Dominion, with the United States as parties to the declaration. That would be a very nice arrangement. It would enable the colonists to retain their connection with the British Empire, and to draw pay indefinitely from the pockets of England's poor taxpayers. It would, however, strengthen England by relieving her of the weakness which the colonial dead-weight entails upon her when occupying a hostile attitude toward other Powers.

We need not say that so one-sided an arrangement is not likely to be concurred in. Australia is England's vulnerable point in one quarter of the world; Canada in another. If her motherly heart will not allow her to send her spoiled children into the world to care for themselves, as best they can; or if the children, having reached the semblance of manhood without acquiring its chief characteristics, persistently cling to their mother's apron-strings—others Powers cannot help it. The spectacle is pathetic, but in the midst of war any other nation would not pause to admire it. The colonies have their fate, in this respect, in their own hands. They can only escape participation in England's difficulties as a belligerent by constituting themselves independent of her authority.

The Police and the Thieves.

The thieves of the City are making hay while the sun shines. Robberies by the dozen may be heard of in almost every district, and there are many more of which no mention is ever publicly made. Fifth-avenue alone could stock a General Sessions' calendar. The number of robberies effected in residences of that fashionable thoroughfare within the last few weeks almost exceeds belief; and the audacity of the robbers, and their impunity, would startle our well-to-do citizens, if the cases could be narrated in detail. But Fifth-avenue is exceptional only because of its extent, and the amount of its portable wealth. There are few streets above Union square in which one house, at least, has not been entered and plundered. The robbers ply their occupation at all hours. We hear of upper stories being ransacked while families are at dinner, and of lower stories being carefully searched while families are asleep. In the majority of cases the enterprises are conducted with an apparent deliberation which implies an assurance of safety; and this again, implies either an understanding between thieves and policemen, or confidence in the non-appearance of the latter.

Street robberies, too, multiply with a rapidity which augurs ill for the Winter, hardly yet begun. Women rob a passer-by of his watch and get quietly off; others pass into a house with their booty, and menace the pursuer with pistols when he raps at the door. People are knocked down at street corners and plundered leisurely. Ladies have their purses snatched from their hands while they do their shopping. Everywhere the thieves seem masters of the situation.

The common explanation is that the Police force is too small. It is true that the increase of the force has not kept pace with the growth of the City, and the strength and daring of the criminal class; and in some neighborhoods this fact helps to explain the facility with which robberies are committed. But to what shall we ascribe the ease with which, in many instances, the thieves are induced to restore their booty? Why citizens, when they suffer, do not let the robbery get into the newspapers. They quietly whisper to certain Police officials, and in a trice the plunder is found upon the door-step, with a polite note from the thief. What are we to infer? That policemen and thieves are in partnership?—that the former know the latter, and for a consideration keep out of the way? Or that the detective system, so-called, is merely a go-between, the robbed on one side, the robbers on the other, with not the remotest idea of furthering the ends of justice?

We fear that the present state of things must be accepted as evidence of the demoralization which is at work in the Police force. Grant that the force might be numerically enlarged with advantage, still we must assume that the force we now have should be so disciplined as that its full capacity may be turned to account. Defects in organization or management will only be aggravated by additions to the number employed; and these defects are unfortunately notorious. We pointed out some weeks ago that the material of the force is depreciating, and that the circumstance is traceable to the introduction into the Police of the very influences which have undermined and corrupted other branches of City affairs. Time makes the alarming fact plainer and plainer. Good men are dropping out of the force, and worthless men become their successors. More attention is paid to the recommendation of politicians than to the quality and character of the men appointed. The same influence weaken authority and lower the general standard of duty. The complaints against patrolmen for theft, intoxication, or other misconduct, are more numerous than at any former time, and the discipline is almost everywhere weaker and worse. Where will these things end? The late Superintendent JOURDAN found himself fettered by politicians, and died a martyr to labors which demoralizing agencies greatly aggravated. His successor, KELSO, takes matters more easily. He allows the politicians to have their own way, with what result our citizens will soon be able to determine. The Winter promises to add largely to our stock of knowledge on that subject.

What Will He Do With It?

As Gov. HOFFMAN is reported to be preparing his annual message to the Legislature, the interesting question arises, What will he have to say about the great swindle of the age, and the great draw-back to his political ambition, the Erie bill? Will he take the advice of the Brooklyn *Eagle* and come out openly and recommend its repeal? or, will he join with the *World* in defending it? or, will he do as he has done heretofore, say nothing about it? The latter course would doubtless be the most agreeable, but, unfortunately for the Governor, this Erie question is getting to be the most vital question of the day, so far as the individual JOHN T. HOFFMAN, is concerned. It will neither be ignored nor suppressed. It demands treatment of some kind at the hands of the Governor, and it is bound to have it. "The Democratic Party cannot carry Erie in the Presidential election," says the *Eagle*, and the Democracy of the entire West echoes the assertion.

This, in plain language, is equivalent to saying, "If you, JOHN T. HOFFMAN, have any idea of being the nominee for President in 1872, you must clear your skirts of the most 'audacious scoundrelism of the period'—the Erie bill." The Governor is thus put in a position where he has either to renounce all his ambitious dreams of the future, or repudiate the friends who have helped him in the past. Before he can advance another step upward, he is called upon to kick from under him the ladder by which he has climbed to his present height. This is rather a hard predicament, but the Governor got himself into the scrape voluntarily, and against the urgent advice and timely warning given him by this journal. We have therefore no sympathy to waste on him in his dilemma, but we feel a sort of interest, or rather we have a certain curiosity, in common with the public at large, to see what the Governor will do to extricate himself. His treatment, or lack of treatment, of this Erie Bill in his next annual message will indicate how he stands in reference to the Ring that has heretofore controlled his actions. He will greatly surprise those who know him best if he proves to be less their abject tool now than he always has been since he entered political life.

A New School of Art.

The realistic reaction begun many years ago in England by MILLAIS, ROSSETTI, and their associate against the loose and corrupting influences of the Renaissance School of Art, was not without wholesome effect. If a rose was to be painted, it was well that it should not be so idealized as to be readily mistaken for a cow; that the pictured brickbat should faithfully represent its answering reality; and that the coal-scuttle on canvass should accurately recall the coal-scuttle of the domestic hearth. In going back to nature for a purer inspiration, and in making fidelity and truth its simple creed, the Pre-Raphaelite movement started a great and long-needed reform. But like many reforms, its usefulness was somewhat impaired by the excessive and injudicious zeal of some of its earlier disciples, who mistook coldness for correctness, homeliness of subject for reality of treatment, and made tediousness the test of truth. Of course, as brickbats and coal-scuttles, however faithfully drawn, are not in themselves inviting subjects to the poetic mind, there came a fresh reaction, which resulted in what we may call the eclectic school of art. Like Mr. ROBERTSON or Mr. ALBERRY, the followers of this new method sought to soften the real with the ideal, and to combine the resources of modern life and antique grace. Perhaps we should say that this movement was rather a renewal than a reform, for it was a return to the picturesque originality of that mediæval artist who hit upon the happy expedient of depicting Abraham about to sacrifice Isaac with a blunderbuss, while a charitable cherub poured water in his pan.

To a sister republic must be accorded the palm of excellence in this direction. Naturally the tropic heats fire the artistic imagination, and it is not far from the equator that we find the prince of eclectic artists translated by one felicitous stroke of genius into sudden fame. The Archbishop of Bogota desired to adorn his cathedral with a picture of St. John the Baptist. He summoned, therefore, the local Raphael, and commissioned him to do the work. The subject presented some difficulty to a conscientious and spirited painter. How to present a St. John which, without doing utter violence to tradition, should yet avoid the error of commonplace and servile imitation—this was the problem. Our Colombian Raphael was equal to the situation, and in due time offered to the astonished gaze of the Archbishop a Baptist which pacified conservatism with the familiar sheep-skin, and captivated a more progressive taste by the novel addition of a shiny hat and a red necktie. The worthy prelate unhappily displayed that want of enlightenment so often characteristic of the Roman hierarchy. He was a man who would have criticised GARRICK's dressing of *Macbeth*, and turned up his venerable nose at Mr. FECHTER's wig in "Hamlet." He denounced the triumph of pictorial originality as a preposterous abortion, and its author as a stupid, tasteless idiot. Of course, aspersions so uncalled for could only be wiped out with blood, and the injured artist promptly challenged the Archbishop. We have not yet heard if the challenge has been accepted, or with what result. We trust that, in any event, the haughty ecclesiastic has been taught that the time has gone by when RICHELIEU can set himself up as the arbiter of taste as well as politics, and that he has been forced to make ample apology to insulted art. And if this much misunderstood painter will send his production to our great Metropolis, we promise him that appreciation and applause which seem to be denied to him at home, and which we are always ready to give to true merit.

Placed on exhibition in the Academy of Design, this tropical Baptist would not only attract attention, but offer an admirable study to our artists. It would lead them to revolt against the tyranny of stereotyped rules and antiquated customs, and encourage them to follow boldly in the footsteps of POWELL and DE GROOT. So, in time, we may see all our civic squares adorned with masterpieces, and all our churches illustrated with saints and martyrs in tow-

The Income Tax.

Both branches of Congress have before them bills repealing the income tax, and if public opinion is allowed to influence legislation, one or the other of them will become law. So long as the Government required a larger revenue from internal sources than was otherwise available, a tax upon incomes seemed one of the most equitable that could be imposed. For a similar reason, in the reduction of internal taxation, other burdens were properly removed first. Those which entered into production, adding greatly to its cost, and so in effect injuring domestic industry, were removed, while the income tax remained untouched. The condition of the Treasury last session rendered possible the reduction even of that tax from five to two and a-half per cent., and the report of Mr. BOUTWELL demonstrates that it may now be swept away altogether without inconvenience to the Government.

During the year ending 30th June last, the income tax yielded $37,775,972. With the rate reduced one-half and the exemption increased, the receipts from this source in the current fiscal year cannot be much more than $18,000,000. That is, perhaps, a maximum estimate. Now the probable surplus of the year will not be less than four times that sum,—with average good fortune and reduced appropriations it should be nearer $60,000,000. This tax may, therefore, be abolished without further delay. The Treasury is able to dispense with it altogether, and Congress will disregard public feeling if it allow the tax to be collected another year. Its repeal should not be made contingent upon any general revision of taxes, whether internal or of the tariff.

MINOR TOPICS.

Whatever conclusion the Presbyterian Clerical Association may arrive at in regard to the relative merits of extemporaneous preaching and the use of manuscript in the pulpit, there can be no doubt as to the preference entertained by the great majority of congregations. There is a life, and consequently an effectiveness, in extemporaneous utterance, which the most careful reading of manuscript cannot realize. Quite as much study of the subject discussed is required for success in one method as for success in the other. Speaking does not imply less thought than reading; on the contrary, good speaking implies a careful elaboration of thought,—the precise forms of expression being alone left to be supplied at the time of delivery. A freedom of style is thus acquired to which few written discourses attain; and the magnetic influence of the eye, which the mere reader always loses, more than compensates for occasional looseness in language. The preacher, too, should be more than an expounder of doctrine; he should be an exhorter, urging holiness of life, and written appeals are by comparison flat and unprofitable.

Mayor HALL's objection to the Supervisors' action in awarding a certain lawyer $5,000 for defending "JACK" REYNOLDS, a murderer, is undoubtedly weakened by the fact that the firm of BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL formerly received a similar sum for defending PATRICK DWYER, another murderer. Twice is excessive in either case, and the fact that it was paid in one instance does not constitute a reason for paying it in another. If it includes an allowance for expenses incurred in arranging a defense, the argument in its behalf is not strengthened, for the City is under no obligation to furnish the means of rescuing from punishment those who violate its laws. When a prisoner appears at his trial without counsel because of poverty, the Court may properly assign him legal assistance,—not to secure his acquittal, but to see that the charge is legally established, and to give him the benefit of the law's chances. For this service there should be some fixed fee, and beyond this no expenditure of public money is allowable.

We lately suggested that the surplus diplomatic talent of the world had gone into the "confidence" business. Late revelations fully establish the fact that counterfeiting and its allied swindles have come in for a fair share of it. Panting for new worlds to conquer, the inventive fraternity who hit upon the happy idea of sending sawdust instead of counterfeit bills, have extended their operations to England. Greenbacks not being in request there, and five-pound notes being well known to be rather difficult to imitate, the most obvious device was to offer a cheap and effective substitute for the British sovereign. It was proposed to obtain this by making it of "aluminium found in the Rocky Mountains," and the usual profit of 50 per cent. on the transaction was offered. The money and orders were ostensibly to be for smoking tobacco, at a certain scale of prices, which on being received was found to be worthless, and, of course, minus the the aluminium sovereigns. The "New-York tobacconist" who has thus found fame on the other side of the Atlantic, is nominated by an English journal for Chairman of the Erie Railroad. When FISK gets the expected Presidential nomination, he will probably think of it.

An Albany correspondent says that the organization of the next Assembly has already been arranged by the New-York "Ring," even to the minutest particulars. The chairmanships of all the Committees have been settled, as well as most of the members who are to have places thereon; and even the clerkships, messengers, and pages have been designated by the ruling powers in this City. All the legislation of the next session will, of course, be shaped to suit the wishes of the Tammany Ring. Indeed, if it were not for the desire of the country Democrats to pick up a few crumbs by the sale of their votes to railroad and other lobbyists, they would doubtless consent to abolish the Legislature altogether and empower TWEED and SWEENY to enact whatever laws their own interests require.

There seems to be a probability that the coal miners' strike, for the moment confined to one district, will in a few days become general. We have private information that the men of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the Delaware and Hudson and the Pennsylvania Coal Companies have submitted a proposition to the Miners' Union which may change the whole aspect. They offer to relain the Union if its General Council will order a suspension of work in the six counties subject to its influence; and as the Union will by this secession gain much additional strength, it is more than likely that the bargain will be entered into. The avowed purpose of the movement is to force the price of coal up to what is called "the paying point," and in this purpose miners and operators are agreed. The sympathy existing between these classes in regard to the object to be attained does not positively prove that the strike is the result of collusion between them, but it inserts that supposition with considerable plausibility.

German Liberals are evidently not so completely carried away by the prevailing intoxication of military success as to forget the very grave issues that are involved in the ratification of the South German treaties. Prussia, as she has very effectively shown, possesses the highest type of military organization, but the Democrats of Fatherland have abundant reason to distrust the fitness of her regime for a free people in time of peace. In spite of the efforts of the progressive section of the Parliament of the Confederation, the Prussianizing of all Germany will doubtless soon be as complete as treaties can make it. The struggle, however, is merely deferred between the policy of individual freedom and that of officialism, and cannot fail to be renewed at a more opportune moment.

WASHINGTON.

Confirmation of Treaties—Payment of the Lloyd Aspinwall Claim—Appropriations Required—Spurious Champagne—A Diplomatic Dinner.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Senate on Friday afternoon, in Executive Session, confirmed three treaties reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations by Mr. SUMNER, viz.: A treaty between the United States and the Republic of Salvador, for the surrender of fugitive criminals, signed at San Salvador May 12, 1870; a treaty between the United States and the King of Sweden and Norway, concerning the citizenship of natives of one country who may emigrate to another; and a treaty with Austria, regulating the rights and privileges of Consuls in the two countries. Another treaty with Austria, concerning the privileges of citizenship, negotiated by Mr. JAY, is yet to be acted upon.

NEW-YORKERS AT THE CAPITAL.

Among the New-Yorkers here are Hon. HORACE GREELEY, Collector MURPHY and FRANK E. HOWE, who came to attend the funeral of Mr. WALBRIDGE; also CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW and WILLIS GAYLORD, J. A. VERPLANCK, of Buffalo; GORDON MCKAY, of Boston; Gen. MERRITT, of St. Lawrence, and R. B. CARPENTER, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., are also here.

PAYMENT OF THE LLOYD ASPINWALL CLAIM.

Señor LOPEZ ROBERTS, Spanish Minister, was at the State Department, yesterday, for the purpose of paying over to Secretary FISH the judgment recently obtained by the United States in the arbitration of the indemnity for the illegal seizure of the steamer *Lloyd Aspinwall*. The amount awarded by the Commission was $19,760 in gold. The result in this case, which has been prosecuted to final settlement with much vigor by the State Department, affords much satisfaction here, as it is the first instance in which the Spanish Government has been brought to the point of paying for damages growing out of the Cuban troubles. The negotiations in this case at one time came very near precipitating a war with Spain.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING-OFFICE.

On Friday last, the Committee on Appropriations paid a visit to the Government Printing-office, for the information of the members, as to the necessity for extending the buildings, and providing the additional facilities asked for in Mr. CLAPP's report. The impression made by the personal inspection is not known, but the public printer hopes an appropriation will be recommended, to cover the expense of the addition of an L on Delaware-avenue. It is much needed, if the amount of public printing is not to be reduced.

AID TO THE INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

A petition has been numerously signed by citizens of Baltimore to be presented to Congress, asking for Government aid to the American Printing-house and University for the Blind.

SPURIOUS CHAMPAGNE TO BE LOCKED UPTO.

The Internal Revenue Department, through its regulations and provisions for the collection of the tax on spirits, learns the process of manufacture of spurious liquors, and almost exactly the quantities produced. A very large quantity of sparkling wines, or so-called champagnes, are made from a mixture of California wines with light imported wines, and afterward charged with carbonic acid gas, in the same manner as bottled soda-water. The Department is called on to decide whether the article so compounded is really champagne, in which case no tax is imposed, or whether it is an imitation, and liable to a tax of fifty cents per quart. If decided to be an imitation and taxed as such, the mixtures will be forced from the market, and the manufacturers obliged to go into other business. The Department will send a commission to New-York this week to look into this subject.

A DIPLOMATIC DINNER.

The first diplomatic dinner of the season was given last night by Secretary FISH. The invitation extended to ten Ministers, having longest represented the Government in this city. Sir EDWARD THORNTON, Baron GEROLT, Señor ROBERTS and Baron LEDERER were among those entertained.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNION LEAGUE.

The session of the National Grand Council of the Union League of America, to be held in Philadelphia on Wednesday next, will draw together prominent members of the Republican Party from all sections of the Union. Many of these are in Washington and vicinity, having arrived from the South and West during the past few days. Exciting times are anticipated in the contested seats from Arkansas and Missouri.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES.

The first representation of "The Black Crook," at Niblo's, occurs this evening. That of "Twelfth Night," at the Fifth-avenue Theatre, also appeals to public curiosity.... The reader will learn with interest that a scene from the play of "Tom and Jerry," interpreted by Messrs. JAMES and POOLEY MACE, was part of the performance at the Boston Theatre, on Friday night.... Miss GLYN is to appear on Wednesday evening next at Steinway Hall as *Cleopatra*; that is to say, she will read the tragedy of "Antony and Cleopatra," in the costume of the heroine. This will be a novel step, and, added to Miss GLYN's great reputation, will doubtless attract to the entertainment a large share of public attention.

Musical.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTION.

The concert of the Misses LAEMLIN, announced for to-morrow evening at Steinway Hall, is looked forward to with much interest, and it is hoped will prove the initiatory of a successful career for these young artists of the Pacific. The Misses LAEMLIN come to us from California, and their debut is regarded with interest by many former residents, as well as by others sojourning here on visits from the land of gold. ....The very successful debut of Mlle. TERESCA, a young and skilled violinist, has already been recorded in these columns. The lady will be heard once again, at a grand opening concert given in the new Harlem Music Hall, this night.... In celebration of the centennial anniversary of the birth of BEETHOVEN, the Philharmonic Society will give a concert at the Academy of Music, on Saturday evening next. Amongst the one hundred will perform,

EUROPE.

Negotiations for an Armistice Between France and Prussia.

Neutrality of Luxembourg to be Disregarded by Prussia.

RUMORED RIOTS IN BERLIN.

Flight of the Tours Government to Bordeaux.

A Terrible Explosion in an English Cartridge Factory.

Twenty Persons Killed and Thirty to Forty Wounded.

THE WAR.

Rumors of Negotiations for an Armistice—Prussia Announces the Determination to Disregard the Neutrality of Luxembourg—Reported Riots in Berlin—Dupont Admits his Sortie to Have Been Fruitless.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The rumors are repeated that an armistice is negotiating at Versailles.

GAMBETTA ASKS AN ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Tours today to the *Daily News* reports that there is good authority to believe that GAMBETTA has applied to the Prussians for an armistice to allow time for an election of the National Assembly.

LUXEMBURG.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says: A telegram from Luxembourg states that the Prussian Government has informed the Government of the Grand Duke that in consequence of its having allowed a violation of the neutrality of the Grand Duchy by the French, Prussia is no longer bound to respect the neutrality of the territory of Luxembourg.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9.—It is rumored here that Prussia has informed the Government of Luxembourg that she is no longer bound by the Treaty of 1867.

In the Belgian Chamber today Baron D'ANETHAN said he was aware of Prussia's note in regard to Luxembourg. He denied that the Government were in the least degree influenced by Prussia to reject the petition of the French prisoners in Belgium to return to their country. As for the case of Luxembourg, it ought to be a warning to Europe.

RIOTS IN BERLIN.

Riots are reported to have broken out in Berlin on account of the calling into active service the married men of the Landwehr.

PARIS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Gen. DUCROT has issued the following order of the day to his command:

"VINCENNES, Dec. 4.

Soldiers, after ten days of glorious battles you have recrossed the Marne, having found that your efforts were fruitless. When the enemy has not time to concentrate, or to prepare to continue the vain sacrifice of life, let us renew the contest with increased animation, and raise our hearts to the level of the sacrifice demanded by the holy cause for which we must not hesitate to sacrifice our lives."

Preparations for great movements and fresh sorties are in progress in Paris. No person is allowed to leave the city. Gens. TROCHU and DUCROT were both outside the walls on the 4th.

Decrees Concerning the Loire—King William's Report—Reorganization of the Army of the Loire—D'Aurelles Superseded—The Tours Government Fled to Bordeaux.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—King WILLIAM telegraphs, under date of today, to Queen AUGUSTA: "There was severe and successful fighting yesterday near Meung. More resistance is expected there. One gun, several *mitrailleuses* and 150 prisoners were taken." The sanitary condition of the army in the field has taken a very favorable turn.

FURTHER DETAILS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—At Nevry, a village northwest of Gen, the advance of the Prussian Third Army overtook and defeated the rear guard of the Army of the Loire, which was obliged in consequence to hasten its retreat; and on Wednesday the Seventeenth Prussian Division engaged the French west of Meung, and beat them after a sharp fight, in which the First Bavarian Corps participated. The French lost 200 prisoners, one gun, and a *mitrailleuse*.

MEUNG, Dec. 8, via VERSAILLES, Dec. 9.—The Grand Duke of MECKLENBURG defeated the Third French Army Corps here today. The German losses are severe, but those of the French are still heavier. The Germans took six guns and 1,000 prisoners.

THE ARMY OF THE LOIRE.

TOURS, Dec. 8.—Official decrees have appeared appointing Gen. BOURBAKI to the command of the First Army, and Gen. CHAUZAY to that of the Second Army, into which the Army of the Loire has been divided. Gen. D'AURELLES DE PALLADINES refuses the command of the military camp at Cherbourg which has been offered him.

FIGHTING ON THE LEFT BANK.

It is reported there was fighting all day, today, along the left bank of the Loire, between the French under Gen. CHAUZAY, and the forces repulsed by him yesterday. The reports add that he was again successful today.

THE GOVERNMENT GONE TO BORDEAUX.

It is said the Tours Government will go to Bordeaux, as the Prussians might risk the sending of a force to this city. A portion of the *personnel* and officers go to-night, but M. GAMBETTA and the Ministry Bureaus will not leave until they are obliged to do so. There is no news from Gen. BOURBAKI, who has a large force on the right bank of the Loire. It is rumored he is marching on Paris.

TOURS, Dec. 8.—The *Official Journal* announces that the Government has removed to Bordeaux. M. GAMBETTA will go to the Army of the Loire, which has been divided into two corps, with the supreme object of reaching Paris. He will then return here and remain with the archives.

Gen. CHANZY reports that he fought, yesterday, against the Army of FREDERICK CHARLES, and repulsed the enemy along the whole line.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 9.—King WILLIAM sent a telegram to the King of Wurtemberg on the valor of the Wurtemberg troops, and expressing sorrow for the great losses they have sustained. The King of Wurtemberg, in reply, telegraphed that he felt gratitude for and pride in the accomplishment of victory. He regretted the loss of life, but was consoled by the fact that it was in the great cause of Germany that this precious blood had been shed.

PURSUIT OF THE FOEMAN.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The *Staats Anzeiger* says: The Duke of MECKLENBURG on the right gained a position between Meung and Beaugency; the centre with the cavalry pushed in pursuit of the French to Salbris; and the left, with the Fifth Corps in advance, obtained a decided success near Nevoy.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 9.—Beaumont, Mezas and Beaugency have been evacuated by the French. The Germans have captured 1,100 prisoners and six guns.

Defense of the Mouth of the Loire—Havre—Siege of Belfort—Aid of German Wounded.

TOURS, Dec. 9.—A squadron of French gun-boats has been sent to protect shipping entering the port of St. Nazaire and the mouth of the Loire.

THE NORTH.

LILLE, Dec. 8.—Communications with Havre have been restored. Abbeville has not been occupied by the Prussians.

THE EAST.

SCHWEINSBURG, Dec. 6.—Before it making a splendid defense. The Prussians at one time occupied Hampontes but were driven out with great loss. They acknowledge that this siege has cost them more than any other during the war.

GRATITUDE OF THE CROWN PRINCESS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Princess ALICE writes a letter to the Manchester Committee, expressing her gratitude for the aid furnished the German wounded.

THE BLACK SEA QUESTION.

Predictions of the American Minister at Constantinople—Remarkable Verification in Late Events—Probable Attempt of France to Enlarge the Scope of the Coming Conference.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—It is noted here as quite remarkable that Hon. E. JOY MORRIS, late United States Minister to Constantinople, made the following very accurate prediction of the present condition of Eastern affairs in his dispatches to Secretary FISH as long ago as the 1st of September last:

"If Prussia shall succeed in yet further enfeebling France, the position of the Porte will become very critical, and the more so as Russia has preserved her military resources intact. The system of railways in Russia, interlocking, as it does, all points of the Empire, and converging on the Austrian and Turkish frontiers, enables Russia to throw her whole army on any given point at any moment, and to attack Turkey with an overwhelming might, while keeping open her lines of communication. Russia, with the consummate diplomatic sagacity and craft that distinguished her, will try to take advantage of the chaos and provoke a revision of the treaties of 1856, by which the Black Sea was neutralized and the Bosphorus and Dardanelles were closed to the passage of her vessels of war. It will be strange if she does not succeed, aiming as she will, to obtain honorable conditions of peace, and exercising—as she will—a dominating influence in settling the terms of peace. The Black Sea opened to the fleets of Russia, Sebastopol again a naval dock-yard and harbor, and the Bosphorus and Dardanelles free for the passage of Russian men-of-war, Constantinople would be in constant danger, and should it come it will and taken before it could be relieved by outside aid. It will thus be seen that the Oriental question is likely soon to be reopened, and under very unfavorable auspices to the security of Turkey."

FLORENCE, Dec. 9.—Minister VERNONA has replied to Prince GORTSCHAKOFF's note. He observes with satisfaction that Prussia has no desire to revive the entire Eastern question; but before any change whatever can be made in the provisions of the treaty by which that controversy was settled, the assessment of the co-signatory Powers was indispensable.

It is said that the French Government will endeavor to enlarge the scope of the conference on the Black Sea question, but the attempts is discountenanced by the London and St. Petersburg Cabinets, on the ground that it would endanger the assemblage of the conference.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

German Unity—King William Accepts the Offered Empire—Italy and Spain—Belgian Politics.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The King of Saxony has signified his acceptance of the proposal made by the King of Bavaria, regarding the title of Emperor of Germany.

MADRID, Dec. 8.—The speeches of the King of Italy and the Duke of Aosta, made on the occasion of the presentation of the crown to the latter, are published. Prince AMADEUS said: "I have before me a smooth and I hope happy course to pursue. Ten present to my view a more extended horizon, and invite me to duties always elevated, but now of the utmost moment. I accept the noble mission, conscious of its difficulties."

FLORENCE, Dec. 8.—King VICTOR EMMANUEL has conferred the Order of the Annunziade upon BERNARO, PRIM, ZARTERRO, and ZORRILLA. At the audience given the Spanish deputation, the King said, "I confide my son to the loyalty of the Spaniards."

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—President SIMSON announced yesterday in the North German Parliament that a note had been received from Count BISMARCK in which it was stated that King WILLIAM had accepted the title of Emperor of Germany. On a third reading, the Federal treaties finally passed. The protocols of the treaties with Baden, Hesse, Wurtemberg and Bavaria have been sanctioned. The North German Parliament has approved the Federal treaty with Bavaria. All amendments were rejected.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9.—MALOU, Minister of State, has resigned.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 9.—The River Neva is frozen over, and navigation is closed for the Winter.

Frightful Explosion in an English Cartridge Factory—Twenty Killed and Forty Wounded—Marine Disasters—Gen. Sheridan in Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A frightful explosion occurred at a cartridge factory in Birmingham today. All the hands were at work at the time. Twenty are reported killed, and thirty or forty wounded....FRANCIS DORE, of New-York, yesterday fell or threw himself from a window of the Albemarle Hotel in this city and was killed....The weather is tempestuous, and much damage is reported to shipping. The steam-ship *Union* has gone to pieces and is a total loss. The *Collina*, Cork for St. John, was thrice driven back from longitude 20°. The ship *Athenais* has arrived at Start Point, Plymouth. She has been nine days in the Channel, facing heavy squalls and head winds. The *Fanny d'Ann*, from Cadiz for New-York, put into Teneriffe leaking, and would discharge part of her cargo before proceeding. The American ship *Evelin*, McNEAR commander, picked up a boat containing the crew of the Norwegian bark *Ansgar*, from Liverpool for Philadelphia, which came in collision with the *Curaçoa*. The carpenter and eight seamen of the latter vessel are missing....The venerable PETER PEACOCK, D. D., Archdeacon of Limerick, is dead.

ATHENS, Dec. 9.—Gen. SHERIDAN has been presented to King GEORGE by Minister TUCKERMAN.

EUROPEAN TOPICS.

The Impending Difficulty with Russia—England's Attitude—Gratuitous Advice—Onslaught Upon Mr. Bright—English Policy Reproved—Public Sentiment in Great Britain.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 26, 1870.

Russia, it is reported, has sent a very conciliatory answer to the protest of England and Austria, but it must be a very soft answer indeed that will turn away the wrath of John Bull and what explanation can be made that will be satisfactory, short of the withdrawal of the Russian note? Russia will or will not stand by the bargain forced upon her in 1856—will or will not observe the neutrality of the Black Sea. But Russian armaments—all her naval and military preparations, the heavy guns for Cronstadt, the improved equipments of her field artillery, the fact that she has allowed no horses to be sold to Prussia for the last year, do not look like backing down before a little bluster from a country so entirely unprepared for war as Great Britain. I cannot doubt that Russia is quite in earnest—I see no reason to believe that Prussia will even protest against the repudiation of a treaty, since she respects her own only when it is quite convenient; France is not in a condition to dictate peace to Europe; Austria exists only by the sufferance of her two powerful neighbors. The sole condition of opposing Russia is to free France from her invader, and this means a general war over Europe, a league of the whole south and west against the central and northern Powers.

GRATUITOUS ADVICE.

KARL BLIND thinks it the interest of Germany and of European freedom to oppose the ambition of Russia and save Hungary and Turkey from her grasp, but he writes in behalf of German democracy rather than its junkerdom and monarchy. If Germany hesitates, he says

"The resistance of the French will be prolonged, for they will hope that in consequence of the Russian demands a universal European complication will arise, in the course of which they think England's world, by the peculiar intricacies of the situation, gradually be drawn toward the side of France."

Earl RUSSELL, at the age of seventy-eight, is still ready to take command of the channel fleet. He says:

"It seems to me that we ought to stand as a second third, the ground which Lord GRANVILLE and his colleagues have taken. Nor do I see any difficulty in procuring an embodied militia. With a sufficient bounty, we might easily enlist one hundred thousand men for five years' service. The late Baron ROTHSCHILD, of Paris, told me that if any chief the Rhenish Government, of which I was then the head, wanted one hundred millions sterling, he would be happy to furnish the sum; so that neither men nor money would be wanting. Thus provided, I should be disposed to say, in the spirit of Lord GRANVILLE's dispatch, if the Russian Emperor asks for a conference on the Treaty of 1856, at a time when such a conference can be assembled, let us meet him in a fair spirit, and consider with France, Prussia, Italy, Austria and Turkey in what manner we can find a substitute for the neutralization of the Black Sea. But if the Czar proposes to set aside the Treaty of 1856 by force, let us meet him by force, and the support the latter."

The Earl of SHAFTESBURY goes with Earl RUSSELL. He says of the Russian declaration:

"Such principles as these are absolutely fatal. They stand in the way of all peaceful solutions. The spirit of Peter the Great and Catherine is peeping with desire to see the termination of this dreadful war between France and Germany. But how can the parties come together for any useful issue under this new interpretation of the law of nations? Every clause in a proposed treaty will be subjected to mental reservation, and under the language of grave promise and solemn engagement will lie force and aggression."

Sir CHARLES TREVELYAN takes similar ground, but does not like England's military position.

"At the present moment," he says, "all our war material is at Woolwich, the best equipped position in the Kingdom. We have all our eggs in one nest. If Woolwich were taken, where would we be? This was the mistake from which France was now suffering. How different was the case in Prussia. Every district had its regiment or regiments, and its separate depôts for war materials, and the loss of one of them was not felt. Besides, there was a good moral public feeling in Germany. Men thought more of the affairs of the nation than they did of their own interests, and there was no such thing as 'jobbing' known in Prussia."

Mr. MILL and a few others plead for peace, and the right of annulling treaties when convenient. He says: "Mankind are now beginning to find out that anything whatever to which a nation attempts to bind either itself or others in perpetuity, be it a constitution, a dynasty, an irrevocable law, a particular disposition of public or private property, or whatever else, will assuredly, at some time or other, require to be, and will actually be, shaken off by those to whom it is injurious."

And this, you observe, covers a wide ground, justifying divorce, repudiation, nullification, secession, rebellion; and JOHN STUART MILL is "our great authority." Mr. MILL is of opinion that no treaties, or bargains of any kind should be made except for a term of years. A man should take a wife on lease, and swear allegiance during good behavior. The American rule of rotation in office, as far as it goes, would suit Mr. MILL exactly. A correspondent of the *Standard* suggests a way out of the difficulty. He says:

"Our natural allies in a war with Russia would be France and Austria—and Prussia provided both. To secure the aid of either we must step in to the assistance of France. There is another course open to us—that of emulating the political immorality of the two northern allies—acting the part of receivers to the two bold burglars and thus relieving our own shelves of the spoils, while availing ourselves of the difficulties of France to seize on Egypt, and thus, secure of our route to India, tolerate the absorption of Turkey, and wink at the dismemberment of France. This infamy policy will, no doubt, meet with plenty of advocates, who will be prepared to put the combined grounds of 'culture,' economy and interest."

ONSLAUGHT UPON MR. BRIGHT.

Under cover of the Russian difficulty, the *Standard* and *Pall Mall Gazette* have opened a heavy fire on Mr. BRIGHT. "The position of Mr. BRIGHT in the Cabinet is as humiliating to himself as it is dangerous to his country. It is a scandal far greater and more indecent than that which arises out of an ordinary political job, in just the ratio that Mr. BRIGHT is greatest and more conspicuous than ordinary politicians." For a whole year Mr. BRIGHT has done nothing to earn his salary, while his long-ago expressed opinions on the Russian question are a danger to the country and an embarrassment to the Government.

In 1854 he said, at Manchester:

"The danger of the Russian Power is a phantom; the necessity of permanently upholding the Mohammedan rule in Europe is an absurdity. Our love for civilization, when we embrace Greeks and Christians, and the Turks, is a sham. I will have no part in this terrible crime. My hands shall be unstained with the blood which is being shed. The necessity of maintaining themselves in office" (mark what a patriot is here about office!) "may influence an Administration; cunning may mislead a people; VATTEL may afford you a law and a defense, but no respect for men who form a Government, no regard I have for going with the stream, and no fear of being deemed wanting in patriotism, shall influence me in favor of a policy which, in my conscience, I believe to be as criminal before God as it is destructive of the true interests of my country."

Now, if Mr. BRIGHT still holds these views, how can he stay in the Cabinet which sustains the Treaty of Paris—the result of a war which he branded as criminal? However this may be, the Birmingham Post, a paper which may be considered, as much as any other, an organ of Mr. BRIGHT, says of the Russian repudiation:

"There is no doubt that in thus acting, Russia commits a flagrant, we might justly say a barbarous act of international bad faith; that she strikes a deadly blow against all existing treaties; and that she renders it difficult to put confidence in her fidelity to treaties for the future."

ENGLISH POLICY REPROVED.

A correspondent of the *Standard*, who fancies that Prince GORTSCHAKOFF, when he wrote his famous, or infamous, dispatch, saw the sharp features of Brother Jonathan peering over his shoulder, with *Alabama* claims in his pocket, says:

"It has long been evident that what kept Russia in check was the power of France and England, and that with the collapse of the military power of France, at the hands of Russia's accomplice, the Cabinet of St. Petersburg would release itself from its treaty obligations. It was on the banks of the Seine that we should have defended the Bosphorus. But we have sown as we shall we reap. We have declared that our policy was to abstain from interference in Continental politics—under the mistaken idea that they did not concern us! There is nothing that takes place on the Continent that England can afford to set down in that category if she means to be a political personage.—If not, Prof. GOLDWIN SMITH had better be sent for at once, and our annexation to the United States effected without delay."

ENGLISH SENTIMENT.

The feeling of England toward Russia strongly, almost unanimously, as it finds expression in the Press, is not too firmly or unitedly represented in the Cabinet. The nation would gladly get back PALMERSTON in place of GLADSTONE. They feel themselves compromised by BRIGHT. They have not much reliance on CHILDERS, BRUCE or AYRTON. If Mr. ODO RUSSELL's news from Versailles should prove unfavorable, there may be an imperative demand for an early meeting of Parliament, and any hour there might be a chance of Ministry. The *Times* wants no war; it looks upon war with horror. "A time must come," it says, "when the greatest blessing for the majority of the human race will be the united and friendly action of England and Russia"—leaving America out in the cold. "But peace," it says, "depends on Russia."

MONADNUCK.

PARIS.

Military Movements—Concerning Food—Lack of Fuel—Postal Communications.

From Our Special Correspondent.

PARIS, Saturday, Nov. 19, 1870.

From what I can learn from various sources a reconnoissance or sortie on an extensive scale was contemplated by Gen. TROCHU for this morning. This movement was intended to be pushed as far as Champigny, outside of St. Denis, but counter orders were sent at daylight, and nothing has been done. Notifications were given to several of the ambulances, but there seems to have been great confusion in this department. I saw, an hour ago, the whole Italian ambulance, wagons and personnel, turned back as it was proceeding to the Porte Maillon, by the Champs Elysées, and directed to wait further orders at the ambulance building. It is stated this afternoon that Gen. TROCHU received a pigeon dispatch during the night, which caused a change in his plans for today. That the General has a plan, and a good one, Paris shows its entire conviction, by awaiting calmly until he is ready to take the field. In his address to the population, issued about a month since, he assured the people that he was wasting only for the opportune moment; that the horrible misfortunes of the country were due to the heedless precipitation of the Generals in command of the Imperial Army, whose hasty action he entirely disapproved, as would be amply proven one day, by his will, written immediately after the declaration of war. His plan for the defense of Paris consisted firstly in enlisting an army, and, secondly, in providing it with arms and ammunition. His preparations for active warfare are very nearly completed, and as Paris has provisions for at least two months more, he has before him ample time for carrying out the manœuvres of his campaign.

FOOD.

Next week we are to have distributed to us, alternately, salted and fresh meat—in small quantities—not quite two ounces a day for each adult, but sufficient, when combined with our stores of rice, dried vegetables, &c., to keep the wolf from the door. Not that we who are not millionaires do not suffer, and suffer keenly, from this change of regimen, but we are in a besieged city, and must nerve ourselves to bear a great deal for the honor of taking part in the great event which announces the dawn of a new era—that of the European Republic. The above-mentioned millionaires are enjoying the close of a luxury—a new sensation without an atom of privation. DUJOUR, the cunning French purveyor, calling himself the English butcher, of the Boulevard Haussmann, has contrived to cater to the tastes of this class to their satisfaction, and pre-eminently to his own. At the commencement of the siege he bought the entire population, biped and quadruped, horned and feathered, of the Jardin d'Acclimation, and has during the past month reaped a golden harvest from his purchase. Kangaroos, reindeers, pheasants and cassowaries have been eagerly sought for by his gastronomic customers. Kangaroo is pronounced delicious—finer than the finest venison. Of reindeer I need not speak; its qualities have a renown which antedate the siege—but I must give a word of praise to the cassowary—the most exquisite morsel ever served up, according to the most expenseived tastes of rare viands. Reindeer brings from 80 cents to $1 40 a pound; kangaroo not less than $1; cassowary from $1 to $1 25 the pound. The flesh of this bird resembles fine venison to the eye, and has the flavor of wild turkey. To descend from the aristocratic aliments, cats and dogs are freely offered for sale, and go off rapidly. My *garçon spicier*, a young fellow of twenty, with ruddy cheeks and sturdy limbs, implying a robust appetite, informed me yesterday that he had eaten cat and found it delicious; that he meant to make no scruples in converting into a ragout any one of the feline species which might fall in his way at a propitious moment. As to horse, he said, that is for the rich, we *sans culotes* must not think of it in future. Horses are withdrawn from the butcheries in order to keep a reserve supply of fresh meat for the month of January.

A LACK OF FUEL.

Our great difficulty will not be the lack of food, but that of fuel. A very good idea is started this morning: "Let every one who has a good fire distribute bottles, or rather earthen jars, of hot water, bricks, &c., to the poor, who are already supplied from the 'municipal cantines' with their daily food." A capital thought, proving, too, how far we are from being discouraged at the prospect of the prolongation of the siege. I again, too, repeat that this is the state of public feeling which prevails, although I dessemble rather freely upon it in my last balloon letters.

POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Notwithstanding the affirmations of the London *Times* correspondent, that no provincial armies exist, we continue to have implicit faith in GAMBETTA's pigeon dispatches. One, which came last evening, dated the 14th at Tours, is a positive confirmation of the victory at Orleans, and, what is still more gratifying, conveys the intelligence of the evacuation of Dijon, and of the entire tranquillity and order which prevails at Marseilles, Lyons, Perpignan and St. Etienne. Numbers of the Telegraphe-photographie journal, (so designated by the *Officiel*,) up to No. 10, (No. 6 only lacking,) have reached the Telegraphic Bureau at Paris, bringing 300 private dispatches, some of them fearfully obscure. One, however, gives cheering news in these few words: "Well with the Army of the Midi," for, as this implies the existence of the "*Armée de Midi*" heretofore unknown, we are much elated. Two Messrs. MAUROU, brothers who married sisters, and whose wives left Paris just before the siege, have been thrown into the deepest affliction by a laconic dispatch announcing the death of one of their children—which cause is sufficiently designated. The slightest error in these days may lead to the most terrible consequences. The balloon which took my last letters—if they were sent—was the General Ulrich, which set sail at 10½ o'clock on Thursday night, in a dense fog. It had been waiting for several days for a fair wind at night, for fear of the capture of the Dagueres, and the uncertain fate of one or two others of the aerian postal craft, Gen. TROCHU has issued an order that all departures must take place at night. It is quite likely, also, that the number of departures will be much reduced, owing to the necessity for economizing gas. After Monday, the gas is to be shut off in the shops, cafés, and all public establishments, at 7 o'clock. Those proprietors who choose to use oil or other means of lighting will be at liberty to keep their places of business open until midnight. The sole inducement of giving information at their respective *Mairies* as to the sorts of oil employed.

A Chinese Torture Case in California—Freedish Sport.

From the San Bernardino Guardian, Nov. 26.

PEOPLE vs. AH CHA, LEE JUNG, WANG KUNG, AH YORE and AH OHN, charged with cruelty, torturing and burning a Chinese woman. The trial of this case in the Court closed on last Tuesday, late in the evening, by the jury returning a verdict of guilty as to four of the party, of assault to do great bodily harm, and not guilty as to AH OHN. The four found guilty, by their counsel, moved the Court for a new trial, and also a motion in arrest of indgment, both of which were overruled by the Court, after which they were sentenced respectively to two years in the State Prison, or to pay a fine of $500 each, and two weeks were given them in which to pay the fine. The most important witness examined in Court was the young man GEORGE WILSHIRE, from the fact of his being the only witness to the whipping and burning of the woman. Other testimony, however, goes to corroborate the evidence of this witness. We merely give in substance his testimony in the case, to wit: Started to town between twelve and one o'clock P. M.; met Chinaman just this side of Mr. MARGUTSON's; four men and one woman; identifies the man; one was leading her and behind holding to her hair and punching her. The woman was barefooted; saw her tracks through water and swamp, all the way down; got back home about 2 o'clock; heard an awful noise; heard blows of sticks, hallooing and talking; from first position saw them all whipping her; her hands tied behind her; tied up to the walnut tree so she could just touch her toes to the ground; the men whipping her were the same four not with the other; he took to be SCALD NECK (AH OHN) know the men well; and SCALD NECK (AH OHN) as well as any; they were all engaged in whipping her; one got up in the tree and tied the rope, and whipped her a quarter of an hour after he got there; while twirlpping her they lit a match and applied fire to the woman about her breast; after whipping and burning they took her down and untied her and put on her dress; could hear her breathe; could tell her voice as she talked; it seemed hard for her to talk; after talking quite a while they started off like they were going to leave her; she acted like she wanted one of the men to clear her; she was crying; could hardly walk, she caught hold of one of the men, (think AH OHN;) CHARLEY went and jerked her away from the men back to the walnut tree; then went back for ropes and brought them back to the tree; CHARLIE took one hand, another man the other; they got them tied; tied her as tight as they could draw her arms behind her; she was twisting round and crying; CHARLIE had the rope (three or four feet of it left;) dragged her back to an elder; tied the rope around the elder; tied her hair around the elder limb; then gathered up some brush and started a fire; then they put on some pretty big sticks and made quite a blaze; they had taken off her dress before they tied her; after she was tied to the elder they took off her drawers; they were talking and laughing around the fire like they were having a good deal of fun; she was still crying; they then commenced sticking the blazing sticks against her, one of them in front and one behind her; the third was holding his fingers in her mouth; after they had burned her awhile they put more sticks on the fire, then returned; she kicked and twisted around, pulling on her hair; could see the limb move when she jerked; was looking at them one and a half or two hours; they untied her before he left; she was sitting down, leaning back; never tried to walk; the fire still blazed when he left, and the men were sitting around talking and laughing.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WEST.

Heavy Rain-Storm in Chicago—Burning of a Large Grain Elevator in St. Louis—Freight on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A rain-storm, accompanied by a fierce gale, commenced last night about 10 o'clock, and has continued without abatement up to this hour, 8 P. M. It now looks as if the storm might continue to an indefinite period.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—The extensive candy factory of BLAKE BROTHERS, No. 612 Market-street, caught fire early this morning and was entirely destroyed. The stock was valued at about $75,000; insured for $45,000. The building was owned by SAMUEL F. GAY, and was valued at $15,000. THEODORE FOSTER, the private watchman, jumped from a third-story window during the fire and is probably fatally injured. The Lewis Iron Company, of this city, has just closed a contract with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad for 500 freight-cars. This is said to be the largest contract of the kind ever made in the West, amounting to nearly $400,000. The road is now completed from Sedalia, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, to Fort Scott, Kan., which opens up Southern Kansas to the St. Louis market by a short route. The Company is pushing their road southward from Fort Scott at a rate of two miles per day, and expect to reach Fort Gibson, on the Arkansas River, by the 1st of May, and cross the Red River within a year. Thence the road will be vigorously constructed to the Rio Grande and beyond.

Destructive Fire in St. Louis—Loss $150,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 11.—The large wholesale drug house of Wetzel & Co., Nos. 104 and 106 North Main-street, was totally destroyed by fire this forenoon. The stock, valued at $100,000, and the building, owned by the same parties, and valued at from $25,000 to $30,000, were insured for from $70,000 to $80,000, but in what companies cannot be stated, as the policies are in the safe, which is burned in the ruins. The extensive hardware house of ADOLPHUS MEIER & Co., adjoining WETZEL'S, on the south, was damaged $1,200 on the building by the fire, and $25,000 on the stock by the water. Both are fully insured, but the names could not be ascertained. Two men, named GEO. LOCKE and WM. WAGNAMER, were burned in BLAKE BROS.' candy store this morning. The insurance on BLAKE's establishment, as far as known, is $10,000. Franklin, of St. Louis, $5,000, and Sangamon, of Springfield, Ill., $5,000.

NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

Interesting Session on Saturday—Report to Specie Payments—Proposition to make a Ship-Channel of the Erie Canal.

BUFFALO, Dec. 10.—Upon the return of the delegates from their visit to Niagara Falls, the discussion was resumed of the following resolution, offered by Mr. WETHERILL, of Philadelphia:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, the best interests of the country imperatively demand a return to specie payments at the earliest practicable period.

The debate today and so night were the most racy and animated of the session. Numerous substitutes to Mr. WETHERILL's resolution were offered by Messrs. HOPES, BURTON and others, but all were rejected, and the original resolution given above, was adopted. The subject of free trade in cotton was discussed, and laid over, after which that of an international coinage and a postal telegraph were considered, and referred again to the Executive Council, after the reading of a communication from the New-York Chamber of Commerce, which stated that the United States Government was in correspondence with European Governments on the subject, and advised that no action be taken in the matter by the Board until further information of the question. The topics of inland transportation by water, and the maintaining and improvements thereof by the State and National authorities as a commercial necessity in controlling and cheapening the cost of transportation of the great products of the country, was considered.

Mr. HAZARD, of the Buffalo Board of Trade, offered resolutions looking to the aid of the General Government in enlarging the Erie Canal and making it a ship channel. Mr. HAZARD made a lengthy speech in favor of his resolutions. Mr. HUBBELL, of Chicago, opposed Mr. HAZARD's resolutions on the ground that the work should be done by the State of New-York, inasmuch as it had derived a large income from the canal.

Mr. OPDYKE, of New-York, expressed the opinion that the people of the country as a whole, would not consent to the expenditure required to make the proposed improvement, inasmuch as the people of the canal districts were rather injured than benefitted by the canal, since it brought the produce of the West in direct competition with the products of the Atlantic States, and built up the West by furnishing an outlet for the products of that section. The Erie Canal in times past, had profited the West thousands of millions of dollars, and but for it the larger portion of the North-west would still be a wilderness.

Mr. ALLEN, of Philadelphia, said he was in favor of national aid for all improvements that would tend to benefit this and growing country; but, in view of the arguments which had been made by several speakers, he did not know how to vote upon the question. Finally, at a late hour, on the motion of Mr. ALLEN, the Board adjourned until Monday morning, when the consideration of the subject will be resumed. It is expected that the Board will complete its business on Monday, although many important subjects await action. St. Louis was chosen as the city in which to hold the next meeting of the National Board of Trade.

A New-York Swindler in Custody—Robbery of the Mail in Connecticut—An Israelite Convicted of Arson.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—MILES O'DONNELL is under arrest here on a telegram from Superintendent RUGGS, that he is wanted in New-York on a charge of swindling to the amount of $11,000. He will be returned to New-York.

NEW-HAVEN, Dec. 11.—The mail-bag for Deep River was stolen from the wagon of the mail carrier Friday night, probably before leaving Westbrook Station, on the Shore Line Railroad.

BUFFALO, Dec. 11.—JACOB RADFIELD, an Israelite, was convicted of arson in the first degree, in this city, yesterday.

The Fenians on the Move—Reorganization at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 11.—The Buffalo Fenians held a secret meeting on Friday evening, and reorganized under the name of the Irish National Brotherhood. They are prepared to unite with any Irish organization in the country to take advantage of the pending European complications for the freedom of Ireland. A committee was appointed to take charge of a large amount of military stores secreted in this city.

Municipal Election in Boston—The Prospects.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The indications are that the municipal election to-morrow will be hotly contested. There are several tickets in the field, but the contest will be mainly between GASTON, the Regular Democratic and Independent Citizens' candidate for Mayor, and CARTER, the Regular Republican and Citizen's candidate.

Protest Against the Occupation of Rome—Movement of the Catholic Churches of Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Bishop CONROY, in the Cathedral to-day, announced that a meeting of the members of the various Catholic churches of the city would be held soon, to protest against the invasion of the States of the Church and the occupation of Rome by the Italian troops. The Bishop, in strong terms, condemned the act of VICTOR EMMANUEL.

The New Steam-ship Company at Philadelphia—Progress of the Subscriptions.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—It is announced that all of the bonds issued for the new Liverpool Steam-ship Company, amounting to $1,300,000, have been issued and that great progress is making in the stock subscriptions. Some persons have subscribed for $50,000 worth each.

Arrival of the Scandanavian.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Steam-ship *Scandanavian*, from Liverpool 1st, and Londonderry 2d, arrived here at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Burning of the Crescent Paper-Mills, Near Springfield, Mass.—Loss $[illegible],000.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 11.—The Crescent Paper-mills, belonging to Messrs. CHAPIN & GOULD, of this city, and situated in Russell, were burned early this morning. The loss is estimated at $[illegible], the insurance is $[illegible].

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Petition to the United States Congress for the Extension of Buenos Ayres Communication to Buenos Ayres—Continued Siege of Montevideo—Three Steamers Sailing for New-York.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BUENOS AYRES, Saturday, Nov. 5, 1870.

In consequence of the uncertainty existing, as to the sailing of the French mail, as to when its letters would be delivered, I have taken advantage of the Aquitanienes leaving today for New-York direct. This steamer will be followed on the 18th by the *Corrientes*. Another will probably be dispatched on the 25th. All take heavy cargoes of sheep-skins. While on this subject, it may not be amiss to state that a petition is now circulating among American and Argentine merchants of this city for an extension of steam communication to Buenos Ayres. Already over 300 names have been furnished. Probably there will be at least 700 signatures before the document is sent home to be laid before Congress. I need say little of the great need so long felt in this regard. All who have had anything to do with these Republics must see the necessity of regular communication. Up to the present time a letter taken from thirty-five to forty days at least; besides which, the great inconvenience to passengers having to disembark at Rio in quarantine. This Government has promised a subsidy if the United States will also subsidize the line which is so greatly needed.

MONTEVIDEO.

Montevideo is still in a state of siege, no change having taken place during the last week. There are rumors that CARABALLO and SUAREZ have again fallen out through rivalry. Neither wishes to be placed under command of the other, so how the two Generals are to be reconciled unless by removing both, is a mystery which President BATLLE will find it hard to solve. Entre Rios sends nothing new, but a report is current that RIVAS has had several slight engagements with small parties of rebels with success; but these are very unimportant events. It is still generally believed that JORDAN's men are deserting in portion of ten and twenty. The eldest son of Gen. MITRE (Ex-President) has committed suicide at Rio, where he had lately arrived, being in the Argentine Legation. He was but seventeen years of age, and gave promise of a bright future. No reason is afforded for the act. Suicides are very frequent here among the better class. During the last six months six or eight have taken place.

THE SEASON.

Summer is at last coming on, fears being still entertained of a "soca," or drouth. We have had but five or six days' rain during the past six months.

THE "NEWLY COLONY."

The famous "Newly Colony," about which so much noise was made in the English papers two or three months back, has collapsed. Every colonist had to pay the promoter $100, (gold,) and also to provide a wooden house and all necessaries. Even a church was brought out, also a chaplain, who was to receive $3,000 (gold) per annum. In case a colonist left before his contract expired, money, house, &c., belonged to Mr. NEWLY. As may be supposed, all did the best, and Mr. Newly and his chaplain "stuned up" of the whole concern. About 150 young men, most of good families, are scattered about now looking for a livelihood. So much for private speculation in attempts to colonize.

PICKTURE.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11:35 o'clock:

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Chancellor Lansing and Mr. Thurlow Weed.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The letter of Mr. THURLOW WEED relative to the mysterious death of the late Chancellor LANSING, of Albany, which appeared in your issue of the 15th ult., as well as the editorial article in the TIMES in August, 1869, foreshadowing the early clearing up of the mystery, have not failed to attract the earnest attention of the descendants and kin of the late Chancellor, and as longer silence on their part, unexplained, might be construed into indifference in regard to the fate of their relative, or acquiescence in the course which Mr. WEED has thought proper to pursue in withholding the information confided to him for publication, I ask the privilege, as a grandson of Chancellor LANSING, of submitting through your columns this reply to Mr. WEED's letter.

Mr. WEED avows that he is the person referred to in the article in the TIMES, as possessing information in regard to the death of the late Chancellor, which the public might look for at no distant day, and goes on to state that twenty-three years ago an eminent citizen of this State, now deceased, put him in possession of information which in the judgment of his informant, clearly demonstrated that the late Chancellor was murdered, through the agency of parties named by him, asking and receiving Mr. WEED's promise to publish the facts, should he survive the parties implicated. This contingency happened, Mr. WEED announces that he has determined, after consultation with Hon. HUGH MAXWELL and RICHARD M. BLATCHFORD, Esq., on the subject, not to fulfill his promise to his deceased friend for the following reasons:

First—That parties immediately associated with those named as implicated in the murder, and "sharing in the strong inducement which prompted the crime," still survive, occupying high positions and enjoying public confidence, and to those persons, should his proofs be published, the public attention would be irresistibly drawn.

Second—That a large circle of the descendants of the deceased persons more directly accused would suffer in feeling if the facts were disclosed.

These reasons for refusing to fulfill a solemn promise made to his deceased friend, may be satisfactory to Mr. WEED and the gentlemen with whom he consulted, but will hardly be accepted as sufficient by the public, and certainly not by the descendants of Chancellor LANSING. It cannot escape remark that, according to Mr. WEED's own statement, he has been for many years in possession of evidence, implicating certain parties, living, at the time, in the crime of murder, and that the failure to disclose such evidence while justice could reach the guilty, made him in the eye of the law *participeps criminis*, and guilty as principal. The persons named to Mr. WEED as guilty are now dead and beyond the reach of human tribunal, but his solicitude for the feelings of their descendants and associates is so great that he cannot bring himself to disclose the evidence placed in his hands, in trust, under promise to make the same public. No such thoughtful consideration has been given by him to the natural feelings, or wishes of the descendants of Chancellor LANSING, to none of whom, the parties in the world most interested, has he thought proper to communicate any of the facts in his possession, respecting the death of their relative, although his attention has been drawn to their claims both by letter and at a personal conference. It is to be hoped that Mr. WEED will, upon further reflection, see the propriety of making known all the facts and circumstances communicated to him.

The disclosure can injure no innocent person, and it is due to the cause of truth and right that if Chancellor LANSING was murdered, the public, or at least his descendants should be informed on the subject, and after Mr. WEED's promised disclosure it is now too late for him to announce that he has changed his purpose and thus disappoint expectations raised by himself. The opinion of Mr. BLATCHFORD that if Mr. WEED's informant were now living, he would promptly release him from his promise, cannot fail, I think, to be regarded as an entirely gratuitous assumption. It is to be presumed that the "eminent citizen," as Mr. WEED styles his informant, was fully aware of the nature of the trust that he reposed in him, and relied implicitly on the performance of his promise. Who can believe that the evidence would have been confided to Mr. WEED, had his informant entertained a doubt that the promise to disclose it to the public would not have been fulfilled? I dissent altogether from the conclusions at which Mr. WEED has arrived, and confidently believe that his course, in suppressing the evidence in his possession, and the manner of Chancellor LANSING, will not be sustained by public opinion, to which he appeals for justification with so much seeming confidence.

JOHN L. LIVINGSTON.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7, 1870.

Free Dispensaries.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In Friday's issue of the TIMES I read a report of the "New-York Medical Institute," which surprised me greatly, for the reason that I had never heard of the institution before, and that the statements of the attending physician contained an apparently malicious and untrue slur at our various free dispensaries. Dr. HEINE, in his report to the trustees, states that his institution is the only truly charitable one in the City, as all applicants are treated free at his residence, an ordinary fee being charged those only who are able to pay, and that in most of the other dispensaries the applicants are attended to by "unskilled assistants." Now, Mr. Editor, such statements should not be allowed to go before the public unchallenged, and as one of the attending physicians to the New-York Dispensary in Centre-street, I trust you will allow me to make the following remarks: In the first place, I should like to ask, can an institution be purely charitable at which those who can are made to pay for medical advice? In the second place, I pronounce the statement about "unskilled assistants" as a slander on the names of the numerous physicians who give their valuable time to the poor in vain merit to the New-York, Demilt, Northern, North-western and Eastern and other Dispensaries, and who are not allowed in any instance to receive the slightest compensation for their work. Further, these physicians are appointed on their merit and standing in the profession, and the honor of being attached to some one of any of the above institutions is considered sufficient compensation for the work done.

B. F. D.

Where are the Police?

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Will you kindly call public attention to the fact that street robberies have been of frequent lately, that a careful lookout is necessary? In two instances, within a few days, girls taking home valuable bundles of ladies' garments have had them snatched from their hands by men. A school in East Twenty-seven-street was within a few days entered by a latch-key, and quantities of children's clothing stolen.

S. I. ZABRISKIE.

No. 12 East Thirtieth-street.

The Recent Accident on the Grand Trunk Railroad—Names of the Killed—Statement of a Fireman.

From the Toronto Globe, Dec. 8.

One of the most disastrous railway accidents which has occurred on the Grand Trunk line for some time past, happened at a place called the Dangers, about four miles west of Brighton Station, between 4 and 5 o'clock Saturday morning. The collision resulted in the death of three men and the injury of several others, one of whom, it is feared, will not recover. Eighteen freight-cars with their valuable contents, and two locomotives, are totally destroyed, one of the latter being almost new. The facts of the affair seems follows: It appears that since the arrest of RYAN, the former station agent at Brighton, who is accused of embezzlement, a young man named R. W. WARD has been performing the duties of operator and station-master. WARD had been on duty for about ten days and nights, having applied several times to the Toronto office of the Grand Trunk for assistance, stating that he was unable to carry on the work single-handed. On Saturday morning, wearied with the continued loss of rest, he must have fallen into a doze, and failed to hear a message sent from Colborne, to the effect that No. 15 freight train had left that place, and would cross No. 10 at Brighton. The following is a correct list of the killed and injured: DANIEL MONTGOMERY, of Roxborough, County of Stormont. He leaves a wife and three children. He was proceeding with a team of horses to the lumber district back of Finnegrey, and was in the car with his horses next to the engine. Death appeared to have been instantaneous. THOMAS WEBBER, engineer of No. 10, married, aged about fifty. He was an Englishman, and had been in the country five years. He was formerly employed as engine-driver on the Newcastle and Berwick Railway. He was burnt to a cinder under his engine. CHARLES CHAMBERS, fireman of train No. 10, aged thirty-five, was about two years in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway. He was married about three months ago, in Cobourg, and resided with Mr. TRAVIS, Front-street, Toronto. He was burnt with WEBBER, under the engine. WILLIAM BROWN, engine-driver of train No. 15, was slightly injured about the legs and groin. RALPH HUTCHINSON, fireman of train No. 15, was considerably bruised about the head and face. JAMES SHEA, teamster, resides in the County of Stormont. He was in the same car with the deceased MONTGOMERY. He was seriously and, it is feared, fatally injured. JAMES McDONALD, teamster, County of Stormont, slightly hurt.

RALPH HUTCHINSON, fireman of No. 15 train, one of the injured men, has made the following statement as to the cause of the accident:

"Our train received orders at Colborne to cross No. 10 at Brighton; we went on our way to Brighton, within three or four miles of Brighton, when the head-lamp of an approaching train within 100 or 150 yards of us was seen by the engineer, who called out, 'Jump, RALPH, for God's sake,' or words like that. I sprang on the step, the engineer with me, where we held on for a few seconds, I suppose, until the two shocked together; we have been further than a car-length apart, when we both jumped together. I struck first the ground and then against the fence. Not one-half a minute could have passed between the time we saw the train ahead and when they came together."

The total amount of damage done is estimated at $200,000, which sum includes the two locomotives, as they may be looked upon as worth nothing now but for old iron. The boilers and bodies of them are crushed into one another, and it is next to impossible to tell to which of the two they belonged. The track was not damaged much; a few of the ties were consumed, but they were soon replaced.

Mob Law in Kansas—Hanging Witnesses to Prevent Them from Giving Testimony.

From the Lawrence (Kansas) Journal, Dec. 1.

One of those occurrences that sometimes occur in the most peaceful districts, took place recently in Butler County. On the 8th of November four men were executed by shooting and hanging, on the charge that they were horse-thieves, by a mob. Since then the proper authorities have been at work to bring the parties to trial, but they have been resisted by force and their authority defied. On last Thursday night four men, who would have been important witnesses in the trial of the mob, were hung near the town of Douglas. This makes eight men put to death without trial, and the latter four without even being charged with any crime. It is said that 150 men are under arms in the vicinity of Douglas, and ready to resist the laws. The officers who went to the place to arrest the parties against whom warrants were issued, have been taken and confined by the guard-house. Under these circumstances Sheriff THOMAS has visited the capital to lay the matter before the Governor, and to urge that two companies of cavalry be sent to aid in executing the laws.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

During the last week, ending Saturday, Dec. 10, but little of an eventful nature has occurred in real estate matters. As far as public sales are concerned, the business of the week has demonstrated that it is almost useless at this time to attempt sales of this description. When an important auction is advertised, the attendance is large, but the majority of those present appear in the character of spectators rather than of actors in the spectacle; the bidding is spiritless, and but little real interest is manifested in the proceedings. In legal sales this is, of course, different, as it is well known beforehand that the property must be sold, and that no arrangement can be made to interfere with open bidding. If this were always the case with other public sales, and auctioneers would all unite in putting an end to "wrangle" transactions, immediate improvement would be perceptible at the auction-rooms. Confidence is the main thing wanted to insure activity. There are, however, just now, other causes which exert an influence, and have a tendency to depress the market. With many the opinion is prevalent that property is estimated at too high a figure by its owners, and, while holding this opinion, they hesitate to invest. That property is high must be admitted, but the volume of private transactions made, in which breadth of business generally is noticeable, and the increase each week in the recorded value of property transferred, both facts strongly prove that there are those who think that the lots are fully worth the prices asked, yet in the face of these facts buyers hesitate to bid in open market a sum in any way approximating to the value of the property offered. In regard to real estate, the time of year too is unpropitious for a heavy business; the near approach of the holidays and the festivities incident thereto always detract, more or less, from the interest usually manifested in business pursuits. When these have passed, however, and the demand for both houses and lots occasioned by the approach of Spring comes, there is every reason to hope that an increased and healthy activity will characterize the market—one which will make the hearts of both buyers and sellers glad, and more than compensate for the dullness in trade experienced and at present existing.

The sales at the Exchange during the last week have been fully noticed from day to day in this column. The aggregate is not a large one, amounting in values to only $161,000. Nearly all the transactions effected have been of a local character, and the principal ones made by BOERUM & MCGUIRE and JAMES M. MILLER. The sale of Central Park lots in the vicinity of Fifth-avenue and Seventy-ninth-street, advertised to take place on Thursday by V. K. STEVENSON, SON & CO., did not in its result realize either the expectations of its projectors or the public. The sale was closed after one lot of Madison-avenue had been sold, as the price received did not seem to the owner sufficient to warrant a continuance of the auction. Considerable disappointment was manifested and expressed at the step taken, as by many it was understood that the lots would positively be disposed of. We have before intimated that failures of this kind have an injurious effect upon the market, and the reasons then given hold good at this time. When once offered, property should be sold, even if a sacrifice is thereby made necessary. Let this be understood, and prices will be better in the long run. Let parties from Brooklyn, property but little in demand in Brooklyn, be told that no sale can be held, the transactions made being of an unimportant nature. A sale of lots at Flatbush, L. I., took place on Thursday under the direction of DINGEE, KETCHAM & CO., but with not very satisfactory results to the general public. The sale was made to close out the affairs of a joint-stock company, and was well advertised. The attendance of buyers was comparatively good, but all the lots offered were purchased on the private account of one or two individuals belonging to the company, their bids in each instance overstepping any made by outside parties. As far as the public were interested, this sale might as well have been held in a private office. This result, we learn, was as much a surprise to the auctioneers as to those present, who, when the sale was projected, understood that it was an open one. The only reliable report of this auction, published the day after the sale, will be found in the TIMES of Friday.

The transfer record for the week will be found below. A glance at the footings of the table will show that while the number of transfers of City property is less, the value is even greater than that of the previous week, which was an unusually large average. In the value of Brooklyn property transferred a falling off is perceptible. For the week ending Friday, Dec. 2, the following were the totals of the table: Number of transfers New-York, 140; value of property, $2,744,975; number of transfers Brooklyn, 104; value of property, $1,187,295. For the week ending Friday, Dec. 9, the table is as follows:

	No. of Transfers. New-York.	Value.	No. of Transfers. Brooklyn.	Value.
Saturday, Dec. 3	20	$621,875	27	$[illegible]
Monday, Dec. 5	29	404,865	25	148,600
Tuesday, Dec. 6	22	719,000	29	160,000
Wednesday, Dec. 7	19	358,600	25	322,000
Thursday, Dec. 8	16	124,500	14	128,000
Friday, Dec. 9	15	332,670	16	74,010
Total	123	$2,561,270	136	$[illegible]

The principal transfers of property recorded during the week and worthy of special mention are herewith appended. Many of them are of importance:

First of ground, Broadway and 7th-av., between 46th and 47th sts., whole block:

Lot E. c. corner Wall and Water sts., 22.6x81 ..... $[illegible]
Lot N. w. corner 5th-av. and 23d-st., 66x100 ..... [illegible]
House and lot, s. w. corner Broadway and 27th-st., 104.4x87.6 ..... [illegible]
Lot N. w. corner 5th-av. and 23d-st., 100.5x100 ..... [illegible]
Lots Nos. 14 and 15, J. D. Van Winkle's, 38x104 2,000

Bronx.

Linden-av., e. s., 102 ft. w. of Avenue C, 60x100 ..... $400

Greenville.

Lots Nos. 28, 29, and 30, block No. 1, Gould's map, 75x100 ..... Nom.

Hobart.

Grand-st., e. s., 140 ft. w. of 12th-st., 20x80 ..... $2,000
Lots Nos. 8, 10 and 11, block No. 22, Doctor's estate, 75x100 3,000

Union Township.

Lot No. 24, block No. 5, Gardner's map, &c., 20 x160 ..... $1,400

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Morrisania.

Mott-st., lot No. 36, Melrose, south, 25x75 ..... $[illegible]

Mount Pleasant.

Pleasantville to White Plains road, adjoining J. Bird's, 17 acres ..... $[illegible]

New-Rochelle.

Union-av. and 1st-st., n. w. corner, 150x200 ..... $1,000

West Farms.

Warren-st., s. s., 60 ft. e. of Prospect-av., 25x100. $400
1st-av., e. s., 100 ft. s. of Walnut-st., 50x100 600

Yonkers.

Croton-av., w. s., adjoining S. S. Simson's, 25x200 $[illegible]
Croton-av., w. s., lot No. 65 ..... [illegible]

CITY REAL ESTATE.

A.—NEAR BROADWAY, OVERLOOKING Washington Square, three-story modern brown-stone dwelling, for sale reasonably. Also, a printed list of stores and dwellings. V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

CRYSTAL PALACE LOTS FOR SALE.—A splendidly-located plot, facing the site of the Crystal Palace, directly opposite the Depot of Trains. Apply to WM. H. INGERSOLL, No. 68 Broadway, Room No. 18.

HIGH-STOOP THREE-STORY brick house, 20x43x100, No. 324 West 31st-st., between 8th and 9th aves.; price very low for cash. A. J. ACKERMAN.

A THIRD-AV. WELL-RENTED GROCERY STORE property for sale low; Second-av. corner store. Also a printed list of stores and dwellings. V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR SALE—Three extra large buildings on Broadway, above Canal-st. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, 2 Pine-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS.—A House and two lots, 75 by 100, corner of 10th-st. and 4th-av., Brooklyn. For particulars, inquire of J. M. FULLER, No. 244 Fulton-st., New-York.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

HOUSE AND FARM TO LET—ON Long Island Sound, twelve miles from City Hall. House contains twenty-five rooms, and beautifully situated on the water's edge; farm has farm-house, stables, &c., and contains forty acres; horses can be secured separately. Inquire of J. DOUGHTY, with Burr & Page, 52-av., corner 126th-st.

TO LET OR SALE—AT ELIZABETH, comfortable 12 room house; modern fittings; near depot; 45 minutes from Wall-st.; 30 trains daily—commutation 11 cents per trip, on favorite line of travel. Inquire at West Elizabeth (Jersey-st.) station, or address G. C., Box No. 235 Post-office, New-York.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS UP-TOWN HOTEL. LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS AND FURNITURE, FOR SALE. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LEASE—NO. 73, BOWERY, RUNNING through to Elizabeth-st., 20 feet deep. Will be built upon for good tenants; principals only. Apply by letter or personally at 12 o'clock to W. F. MISHEF, No. 64 Broadway, Room No. 35.

BUSINESS PROPERTY TO LET—An extra large building on Broadway, above Canal-st. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

AT TARRYTOWN, FOR SALE—Without reserve, on the banks of the Hudson, within ten minutes of depot; large garden, with abundance of fruit; very fine ornamental and shade trees. Double brick house, three stories; fine furniture, marble mantels, hot and cold water in house, bath, cistern water, double sashes, gas, and everything complete for a first-class family; and within easy access; carriage-house, stable, hen-house, &c. BLACKWELL & MARKS, No. 36 Liberty-st.

AT RIVERDALE.—A COUNTRY-SEAT OF ABOUT FIFTY acres, on South Broadway, one mile from Yonkers, one mile from Riverdale Station, and about two miles from Kingsbridge; double three-story frame house, with hot and cold water, bath, gas, fine barn; a very desirable place for a gentleman's permanent residence. Will be sold with a portion of the land if desired, or exchanged for City property. BLACKWELL & MARKS, No. 36 Liberty-st.

FOR SALE—ON WEST SHORE OF THE Hudson, opposite Manhattanville, a handsome place, with five acres of land and a splendid water front of 250 feet; said place has a large house, barn, greenhouse, and garden; lawn and shade-trees. This property is very desirable for an investment and is offered low. Price $30,000. G. E. SHERIDAN, No. 22 Pine-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES and farms, a great variety, beautifully situated one hour from N. Y., for sale low. Also, country-seat for sale or to let for the season, or year. BYRNE & SMITH, No. 243 Broadway, N. Y., 9 to 11 A. M., Orange, corner Main and Cross sts., 1 to 4 P. M.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE MANUFACTURING property, at Greenpoint; being a first-class nothing, skins, with steam-power to running order, will be sold at a great bargain; terms cash or satisfactory. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

AN ELEGANT COUNTRY-SEAT IN Dutchess County, for sale or exchange for City property. For full description, inquire of BLACKWELL & MARKS, No. 36 Liberty-st., New-York.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

BY V. K. STEVENSON, SON & CO., No. 111 Pine-st., THURSDAY, Dec. 22, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway.

TWENTY-THIRD-STREET.—The desirable building-lot, 20x92, on the south side of Twenty-third-st., between the 7th and 8th avs., and known as No. 240, also 19x92, lot 100 feet, all modern improvements, and subject to lease expiring Dec. 1, 1871; (rent, $1,050,) or purchasers can have the option of extending at Terms easy. For maps and particulars, apply to the auctioneers.

N. B.—The above dwelling has a fine prospective value for store purposes, lying as it does near both the Grand Opera-House and Booth's Theatre, and between the 23d-st. ferry and the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Neighborhood rapidly improving.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS ON 7TH-AV. AND 37TH-ST., NEAR CENTRAL PARK.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Dec. 13, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executors of D. B. Wheeler, deceased:

The four valuable lots on the south-east corner of 37th-st. and 7th-av., and also the twelve lots on the south side of 37th-st., 100 feet east of 8th-av., and near CENTRAL PARK.

Sixty per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage.

VOSE & McDANIELS, Attorneys, No. 2 and 10 Pine-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE ASTORIA AND LONG ISLAND PINE LAND ESTATE, formerly the estate of Myndert Van Schaick.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Dec. 14, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway!

Pine-street.—The brick store and lot, situate on the northerly side of Pine-st., between William and Pearl sts., and being the 2d store east of William-st.

Cedar-street.—The brick house, and lot, situate on the southerly side of Cedar-st., in the rear of the Pine-st. store and lot, and known as No. 14 Cedar-st.

SUPREME COURT SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY, No. 440 Atlantic-avenue, Brooklyn.

BY BOERUM & McGUIRE, Auctioneers.

On WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, 1870, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, Under direction of Andrew J. Smith, Esq., Referee, in partition, the valuable property, being the 3d door west of Hoyt-st. Call for maps at the auctioneers', No. 67 Cedar-st.

T. R. THORNE & CO., Auctioneers.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF THE ESTATE OF A. J. Christ, at 12 o'clock, Jan. 24, 1871, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, Nos. 1 and 3 Pine-st., and Nos. 45 and 47 Cedar-st., No. 2 Nassau-st., and No. 48 Liberty-st.; six estimable in packet slips of the Black Ball line; $2,000 scrip Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and 40 acres III, situated near the Monroe County, Penna.

Particulars at auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st.

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Rates of interest especially favorable to depositors, a specialty made of allowing interest from date of each deposit, on sums of $5 and upward, so that funds lying for a short time only, in this bank, may yet may return an income promptly. Interest paid on or compounded, free of all taxes, THREE TIMES in each year, to every thirty days, on deposits entitled to interest, from date of deposit. Married Women and Children have exclusive control over their money deposited in the National Savings Bank. All accounts strictly private and confidential. Withdrawals can be made by the depositor, all deposits payable ON DEMAND, with Interest due.

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SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums. Deposits made now will draw interest from Jan. 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

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SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ON $5 TO $3,000. ASSETS, $3,000,000.

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Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock. Six per cent. interest paid on all sums from $1 to $2,000.

DIVIDENDS.

NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, No. 306 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1870.

DIVIDEND.—THE TRUSTEES OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of Four per Cent., payable Dec. 31, 1870.

Transfer-books closed from the 20th of December until Dec. 31.

JAMES MERRILL, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST., PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1870.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The transfer-books of this Company will be closed on WEDNESDAY, the 14th of December next, and reopened on TUESDAY, the 10th of January, 1871.

A Dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of State tax, payable in cash on the 27th of December next to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 14th of December. All payable at this office.

All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

OFFICE CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, NO. 52 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, NOV. 29, 1870.

A DIVIDEND HAS BEEN DECLARED on the capital stock of this Company, Five (5) per Cent. on the common stock, and Five (5) per Cent. on the preferred stock, both free of Government tax, payable on and after the 20th day of December next, to the stockholders as shown by the books of the Company, on the 10th day of December next.

The transfer-books of the preferred and common stocks will be closed on SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 1870, at 1 P. M., and reopened on SATURDAY, Dec. 31, 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M.

A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY COMPANY.—The Directors of this Company have declared a Dividend of 2½ per share on the preferred stock, payable in money on Dec. 31, 1870, and 87½ per share on the common stock, payable in Common stock on Dec. 31, 1870; upon condition that the stockholders authorize the issue of the necessary amount of stock.

The transfer-books will be closed Dec. 14, at 3 P. M., and reopened Jan. 5, 1871, at 10 A. M.

JAMES M. McKINLAY, Treasurer Agent.

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THE BEST PLACE TO BUY ARRELL'S watches, jewelry, silverware, enamel and French clocks is at FRANKFIELD'S old established jewelry-store, 6th-av., corner 14th-st., and 8th-av., corner 26th-st.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

TO CAPITALISTS.—AN INTEREST IN a manufacturing business for sale, of an article which is a necessity, in universal use, and on which there is a large profit. The article is fully protected by patent, and the originality of the machines necessary for its construction. A careful examination is invited. Apply at No. 23 Park-row, Room No. 9.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION Originated the anæsthetic use of nitrous oxide gas, administer it in the most approved manner, do nothing but extract teeth, and they certainly do that without pain, so 20,000 patients testify. See their signatures at the office, No. 19 Cooper Institute.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway NEW-JERSEY 7 PER CENT. GOLD 1ST MORTGAGE BONDS,

INDORSED BY THE NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO Midland Railroad Co.,

FOR SALE IN DENOMINATIONS OF $1,000, $500 AND $100.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES EXCHANGED AT MARKET RATES.

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LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER, BANKERS, NO. 10 WALL-ST.

8 per Cent. Interest FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY.

Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.

160 MILES COMPLETED, and payment on the earnings on which are to exceed twenty times the interest on the bonds; ONLY 11 MILES OF TRACK ARE TO BE LAID TO COMPLETE THE ROAD. Mortgage at the rate of $13,000 per mile. Price 97½ and accrued interest. The road is now graded and ties, and will be ready for rails and bridges early in the spring.

W. P. CONVERSE & CO., No. 54 Pine-st.
TANNER & CO., No. 49 Wall-st.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF MEMPHIS CITY BONDS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, MEMPHIS, TENN., Nov. 28, 1870.

$600,000 OF CITY OF MEMPHIS GOLD BONDS of the City of Memphis, known as FUNDING BONDS OF 1870,

and interest payable in gold coin, in accordance with ordinances of the General Assembly of Tennessee, and ordinances of the City of Memphis, in the amount of the debt of the city are now ready for delivery in exchange for any of the due debt as per. Interest will be allowed to date.

BONDS, COUPONS, NOTES, AND SCRIP, from maturity until Nov. 1, 1870, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, at which date the interest upon the bonds commences at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, in the City of New-York, on 1st.

FIRST DAY OF MAY AND NOVEMBER in each year. The exchange can be made, as may be desired by holders of the old debt, at the office of the City Comptroller, City Hall, Memphis, Tenn., or at the banking-house of P. H. MYERS & CO., No. 34 Nassau-st., New-York, and McKIM & CO., South Baltimore-street, Baltimore, Md.

JOHN JOHNSON, Mayor.

Referring to the above notice, we are now prepared to receive the old bonds in exchange for any of the past due debt of the City of Memphis.

P. H. MYERS & CO., BANKERS, NO. 34 PINE-ST.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The policy-holders of the Atlantic and other mutual companies can obtain fair prices for their scrip at the office of

WM. C. GILMAN, Dealer in Marine and Fire Insurance Scrip, No. 68 Pine-st.

JAMES G. KING'S SONS, BANKERS, NO. 52 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.

Issue letters of credit on London and Paris, available in all the principal cities on the Continent. Pay interest on deposits. Buy and sell stocks, gold, exchange and Government securities.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL-ST., ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, CORNER FORTY-SECOND-ST. AND 4TH-AV., NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1870.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company, held at their office, in the City of New-York, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1870, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That an instalment of twenty-five dollars ($25) per share upon the scrip stock of this Company for which is hereby called for, payable on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1871.

In conformity with the above resolution, the transfer-books of the Company will be closed on the 16th day of December next, and remain closed until the 4th day of January next, both inclusive.

Stockholders will, in all cases when making payments for above instalment, send or bring their scrip certificates, in order that the payment may be endorsed thereon; or they may be required by order of the Board.

JOHN T. SHELTON, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, CORNER OF 4TH-AV. AND 32D-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1870.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared a dividend of Four per Cent. on the preferred and common stocks, free of Government tax, payable on the 31st day of December, 1870, at this office. The transfer-books will be closed from 3 P. M. of this date, and opened at 10 A. M. on 5th day of January, 1871.

C. VANDERBILT, Jr., Treasurer.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Bank for the election of Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, and the proceeding thereon, will be held at their banking-house on TUESDAY, the 10th of January, 1871, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed from the 5th to the 11th.

ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1870.

IN ADDITION TO OUR ESTABLISHED business of Brokerage in Gold, Foreign Exchange, and Government Securities, we are now prepared to transact a Commission Business in all classes of Railroad Bonds and Stocks, State Bonds and Bank Shares in the New-York Stock Exchange, where we are represented by Mr. O. A. Gray.

CHAS. UNGER & CO., No. 46 Exchange-place.

OFFICE OF THE DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD COMPANY, NO. 15 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1870.

NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND one-half per Cent has this day been declared on the capital stock of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company, payable at this office on 20th inst. The transfer-books will close on 15th inst., and reopen on the 21 of January next.

E. K. JESUP, President.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DRAVERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 7, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 P. M.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE WORLD MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at its office, No. 160 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21, 1870. Polls will be open from 12 o'clock M. to 1 o'clock P. M.

W. P. BRENTICE, Secretary, pro tem.

MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 9, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, corner of Broadway and Dey-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

N. AMERMAN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 1, 1870.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER of the 2d November, issued to the stockholders of this Company, the transfer-books will be closed on the 15th, and reopened on the 30th inst.

W. M. LARRABEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, NO. 39 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 8, 1870.

TRANSFER-BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY, of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company will be closed from morning of Dec. 12 till morning of Jan. 3, 1871.

A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 13 Directors of the Government Security Life Insurance Company of New-York will be held at the office of the Company, No. 17 WATER-ST., on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21, 1870. Polls open from 12 M. until 1 P. M.

G. W. ARNOLD, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO. BANKERS,

16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.

MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

MONEY TO LOAN ON DESIRABLE IMproved real estate; mortgages promptly cashed; private; only dealt with. WM. SINCLAIR, Jr., & CO., No. 4 Pine-st.

10 PER CENT. BONDS, PAYABLE in this City, for sale below par, by ARTHUR L. FITCH & CO., No. 11 Pine-st.

PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 28, 1870.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

By an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, approved Oct. 24, 1870, authority is given to the Governor to lease the Western and Atlantic Railroad, the property of the State, together with all of its houses, workshops, depots, rolling stock and appurtenances of every character, for the term of twenty years, upon certain terms and subject to certain reserves, upon certain terms and subject to certain reserves.

The monthly rental shall not be less than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), payable monthly. The lessee shall give a bond for the penal sum of eight millions of doll

SHIPPING.

THE ANCHOR LINE OF STEAMERS Sail every SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY to and from Glasgow and Derry. Passengers booked and forwarded to and from all railway stations in Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Sweden or Denmark at as cheap rates, as safely, speedily, comfortably and cheaply as by any other route to Glasgow.

"EXPRESS" STEAMERS.		EXTRA "EXPRESS" STEAMERS.	
Columbia	Sat., Dec. 3	Dorian	Wed., Dec. 14
Europia	Sat., Dec. 10	Cleopatra	Wed., Dec. 21
Caledonia	Sat., Dec. 17	Cyrene	Wed., Dec. 28
Anglia	Sat., Dec. 24	Britannia	Wed., Jan. 11
Australia	Sat., Dec. 31	Tarifa	Wed., Jan. 18
India	Sat., Jan. 21	Tyrian	Wed., Feb. 8

and every SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, New-York, at noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE IN CURRENT FUNDS, TO LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, OR DERRY:

First Cabin $80 to $100, according to location. Intermediate, $60; Steerage, $28.

Certificates at REDUCED RATES, can be purchased here by those wishing to send for their friends.

Drafts issued, payable on demand, in any amount.

Apply at the Company's office, to

HENDERSON BROTHERS, No. 7 Bowling-green.

CUNARD LINE.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COVE HARBOR.

Africa, Wed., Dec. 14 | Palmyra, Tues., Dec. 20
Aleppo, Saturday, Dec. 17 | Persia, Wednesday, Jan. 11
Batavia, Wednesday, Dec. 21 | Russia, Tuesday, Jan. 17
Tripoli, Thursday, Dec. 22 | Algeria, Wednesday, Jan. 18
Russia, Wednesday, Dec. 28 | Calabria, Tuesday, Jan. 24

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday steamers, not carrying Steerage: First Cabin, $120 gold. Second Cabin, $80 gold. First Cabin to Paris.....$145 gold.

By the Tuesday steamers:

First Cabin, $100 gold. Second Cabin, $75 gold. Passenger tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.

Through Bills of Lading given for Boston, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.

For freight and cabin passage apply at the company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green.

For steerage passage apply at No. 128 Broadway, Trinity Building.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

FOR LIVERPOOL, (VIA QUEENSTOWN), CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-lower iron screw steamships from their PIER NO. 4 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY as follows:

MINNESOTA, Capt. T. W. TEBBETT.....Dec. 14, at 10½ A. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHITEHEAD.....Dec. 21, at 2 P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. FRICH.....Dec. 28, at 3 P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. GEES.....Dec. 28, at 10½ A. M.
COLORADO, Capt. MINTZLAFF.....Jan. 4, at
WISCONSIN, Capt. WILLIAMS.....Jan. 11, at
MANHATTAN, Capt. POTTS.....Jan. 18, at

Cabin passage, $80, $90, $100, according to location. Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.

For freight or cabin passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 61 Wall-st.

INMAN LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Royal Mail Steamers are expected to sail as follows:

CITY OF BALTIMORE, (via Halifax,) Tuesday, Dec. 13, 9 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Dec. 17, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Dec. 24, 7 A. M.
CITY OF CORK, (via Halifax,) Tuesday, Dec. 27, 9 A. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
1st Cabin	$75	Steerage	$28
To London	80	To London	30
To Halifax, N. S.	30	To Halifax, N. S.	15

Passengers also forwarded to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, at reduced rates.

Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Office.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN, From Pier No. 47 North River.

ITALY, GROGAN, Saturday, Dec. 17, at 12 M.
ENGLAND, WESTON, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 2 P. M.
PENNSYLVANIA, THOMPSON, Saturday, Dec. 31.

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown, Cabin, $75 and $80, currency; steerage, $28 currency.

Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry and Glasgow, $26 currency.

For further particulars apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

PEREIRE.....DAUNE.....SATURDAY, Dec. 10
HANNOVER, L. ROMAN.....SATURDAY, Dec. 24

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE TO

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.

FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Class.	Steerage.
$125 to $170,	$60.

according to the location of berth.

These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon

ON 4TH AND 20TH OF EACH MONTH, except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.

Dec. 20, HENRY PRATT, CHECKY, Capt. GRAY, connecting with SACRAMENTO, Capt. FARNSWORTH.

Departure of 20th every month will touch at San Juan Guatemala.

Steamer JAPAN will leave San Francisco Dec. 31, 1870, for China and Japan.

All freight for San Francisco will go fast, and be received until 4 P. M. Monday, Dec. 19.

Freight for Canada, Mexican and South Pacific ports will be received until 4 P. M. on Saturday, Dec. 17, only. All the usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.

For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the office, Pier No. 42 North River.

E. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:

NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. B. SLOCUM, Dec. 23.
MERRIMACK, Capt. WISE, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. R. L. THELEPAUGH, Feb. 23.

These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio Janeiro, taking and transhipping freight for all points in Brazil. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 1 Bowling-green, New-York.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, sailing twice a week, on THURSDAY and 2 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.

COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICK, (via Nassau,) Dec. 15
MISSOURI, Capt. S. B. EDWARDS.....Dec. 22
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. ADAMS, (via Nassau) Dec. 29

For freight or passage apply to

A. W. DIMOCK, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P., CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

Atlantic Mail Steam-ship Company's steamer COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICK, will sail Dec. 15, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

For freight or passage apply to

A. W. DIMOCK, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, leaving Pier No. 9 East River, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF HOUSTON, Peskins.....Monday, Dec. 19.
CLEOPATRA, Phillips.....Thursday, Dec. 22.
CITY OF MEXICO, Timmerman.....Saturday, Jan. 7.
CLEOPATRA, Phillips.....Wednesday, Jan. 18.

For freight or passage apply to

F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 32 Broadway.

Cleopatra goes to Havana only; takes no passengers.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA., THE FLORIDA PORTS, AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

THE STEAM-SHIPS

LEO, Capt. DEARING, TUESDAY, Dec. 13, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.

MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, No. 81 and 83 South-st.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, Dec. 15, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M.

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 15 Liberty-st.

SAN JACINTO, Capt. ATKINS, SATURDAY, Dec. 17, from Pier No. 5 North River, at 3 P. M.

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 1 Bowling-green.

HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, Dec. 17, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M.

R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 16 West-st.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT. Superior accommodations for passengers.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Freight line.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

C. D. OWENS, Agent, A. A. G. R. R., Cor. 229 Broadway.	GEORGE YONGE, Agent, Ga. R. R., No. 429 Broadway.

DELAWARE AND NEW-YORK S. S. CO. Pier No. 31 N. R.—The steamer W. W. Coit will leave for Lewes, Del., Monday and Thursday, at 4 P. M., taking freight for all points on the Junction and Breakwater and Delaware Railroad. Returning, leave Lewes Wednesdays and Saturdays at 4 P. M.

For freight and passage, apply at office on pier.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should secure Paris without fatigue; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from the multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage; in securing the best accommodations, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—United States passports, indispensable to travelers, issued by J. S. NONES, Passport Agent, No. 398 Broadway.

DRY GOODS.

AT KINZEY'S,

$100,000 WORTH OF NEW GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

EMBROIDERIES AND LACES.

NEEDLEWORK SETS, 25c., 50c., 62c., 75c., $1.
SETS OF CHEMISETTES AND SLEEVES, 75c., $1.
SETS OF COLLARS AND CUFFS, 50c., 75c., 62c.
VERY FINE EMBROIDERED SETS, 75c., $1.
FINE LINEN AND LACE SETS, 62c., $1, $1 25.
LINEN EMBROIDERED SETS, 50c., 75c., $1, $1 25.
VERY FINE RICH SETS, $1 25, $1 50, $1 75, $2.
RICH VALENCIENNES LACE SETS, 75c., $1.
EMBROIDERED MUSLIN CHEMISETTES, 25c., to $1.
RICH VALENCIENNES LACE CHEMISETTES, $1.
EMBROIDERED MUSLIN COLLARS, 25c., 31c., etc., 50c.
REAL LACE COLLARS, 25c., 50c., 75c., $1, $1 25.

OPENING TWO CASES IMPORTED LACE AND EMBROIDERED COLLARS IN ENTIRELY NEW STYLES AT ABOUT HALF THE ORIGINAL COST, 25c. and 50c. each.

1,500 DOZENS HANDKERCHIEFS.

EMBROIDERED INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c.
EMBROIDERED WITH NAMES, 25c.
EMBROIDERED AND HEMSTITCH, 20c., 25c.
EMBROIDERED, EMBROIDERED, 31c., 50c., 62c.
EMBROIDERED IN THE CORNERS, 15c., 20c., 25c., 31c.
VERY FINE EMBROIDERED, 50c., 62c., 75c., 87c., $1.
HEMSTITCH MOURNING HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c., 50c.
PLAIN HEMSTITCH, 6c., 8c., 12½c., 15c., 20c.
ALL-LINEN HEMSTITCH, 12½c., 15c., 18c., 20c.
HEMSTITCHED, BRAIDED AND CORDED, 10c., 12½c., 15c.
FINE LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c., 40c., 50c., 75c.
ALL-LINEN TAPE BORDERS, 7c., 9c., 10c., 11c., 12c.
GENTS' READY-HEMMED, 12½c., 15c., 20c.
GENTS' ALL-LINEN HEMMED, 20c., 25c., 30c.
GENTS' LINEN, COLORED BORDERS, 20c., 25c., 31c.
GENTS' HEMSTITCH, 25c., 31c., 40c., 50c., 75c.

VELVETS AND PLUSHES.
VELVETEENS AND SATINS.
RIBBONS AND SASHES.
FLOWERS AND FEATHERS.
FRINGES AND TRIMMINGS.
HATS AND BONNETS.

ALL CLOSING OUT VERY MUCH UNDER PRICE.

HOISERY AND GLOVES.

KID GLOVES CLOSING OUT at 25c., 37c., 50c., 62c., 80c., $1 pair.
LOTS OF HOSIERY FROM AUCTION.
REMNANTS OF VEST AND DRAWERS.
SILK AND BERLIN LINED GLOVES, 25c. pair.
ZEPHYR WORSTED, 15c. ounce.
SLIPPER PATTERNS, 50c. up.

FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

JET SETS, EAR-RINGS AND PIN, 25c., 40c., 50c., 75c.
GILT SETS, EAR-RINGS AND PIN, 25c., 50c., 75c., $1.
CORALINE SETS, EAR-RINGS AND PIN, 50c., 75c., $1 25, $1 50.
GILT AND JET SETS, 25c., 50c., 75c., $1.
JET AND FANCY NECKLACES, 25c. to $2.
JET BRACELETS, 25c., 37c., 50c., 75c. pair.
JET AND FANCY HAIR PINS.
FANCY AND PEARL SLEEVE-BUTTONS.
LOCKETS, CROSSES, ORNAMENTS.
PORTEMONNAIES, 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 31c., 40c., 50c.

75 CASES NEW HOLIDAY GOODS, OF OUR OWN IMPORTATION, READY ON MONDAY.

OUR NEW SHOW-ROOM, 120 FEET DEEP AND 20 FEET WIDE, FILLED WITH ALL THE NOVELTIES OF THE EUROPEAN MARKETS, MAKING THE LARGEST DISPLAY IN THE CITY.

OPEN EVENINGS.	UNTIL THE 25TH DECEMBER.
OPEN EVENINGS.	THE STORE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS.

15,000 DOLLS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
KID DOLLS, 6c., 8c., 9c., 12c., 15c.
WAX CRYING DOLLS, 9c., 10c., 12c., 15c.
DOLLS, CHINA HEAD, FEET, AND ARMS, 10c., 12c.
DOLLS THAT SAY PAPA AND MAMMA, $1.
DOLLS WITH HAIR THAT CRY, 25c. up.
WAX CRYING DOLLS, LONG CURLS, 50c. up.
OPENING LARGE FRENCH DOLLS.

DRESSING CASES.	JEWEL CASES.
WRITING DESKS.	WORK BOXES.
PERFUMERY BOXES.	GLOVE BOXES.
HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.	CULLAR BOXES.
JEWEL CASKETS.	CANDY BOXES.
TOILET CASES.	SHELL BOXES.
SURPRISE BOXES.	PARIAN BOXES.

MISSES PLAYING THE PIANO.
COAL-MINERS AT WORK.
BOYS RIDING VELOCIPEDES.
GIRLS RIDING IN WAGONS.
FIREMEN THAT PLAY THE HOSE.
GARDENS WITH FOUNTAINS.
ELEPHANTS THAT DRINK WATER.
MUSICAL WALKING-MONKEYS.
HORSES AND CARRIAGES.
JOLLY MUSICIANS.
LOADED DRAYS AND EXPRESS WAGONS.
BRUNETTE WOOLLY DOGS.
BLEATING WOOLLY SHEEP.
CROWING ROOSTERS.
QUACKING DUCKS.
TALKING PARROTS.
MEN EATING WHOLE HOGS.
LOVING COUPLES KISSING.

CHINA VASES.	CARVED BRACKETS.
PARIAN VASES.	JEWEL STANDS.
PARIAN FIGURES.	CIGAR-HOLDERS.
BOUQUET-HOLDERS.	TOBACCO-HOLDERS.
CARD RECEIVERS.	INK-STANDS.
PAPER-WEIGHTS.	CUPS AND SAUCERS.

CHINA TEA SETS, 25c., 50c. each.
CANDY-BOXES, 25c., 50c., 75c.
PARIAN BOXES, WITH PAINTS, 50c. to 50c.
PARIAN FIGURES, 5c., 10c., 15c., 25c.
FANCY TOY WATCHES AND CHAINS, 5c., 10c. up.
TOOL CHESTS, 10c. chest.
BOXES OF BUILDING BLOCKS, 25c.
BOXES OF TOYS, 25c. box.
STEREOSCOPES, WITH SIX VIEWS, $1.
MISSES' PURSES, 6c., $1, $1 25.
TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, 25c.
WORK-BOXES, 25c., 50c., 75c.
COLLAR AND HANDKERCHIEF-BOXES, 25c.

YOU WILL FIND LOTS OF GOODS AT 25c. AND 50c.

THE SAME AS ARE SOLD IN THE DOLLAR STORES.

N. B.—A WORD TO THE LADIES.—A CALL IN THE MORNING BEFORE 11 O'CLOCK, BEFORE THE STORE IS CROWDED, OR IN THE EVENING AFTER 7, YOU CAN EXAMINE THE GOODS MUCH BETTER THAN IN A CROWD.

FAIRS AND SCHOOLS SUPPLIED.

PARLOR, CHAMBER AND KITCHEN FURNITURE.
CHINA TEA AND DINNER SETS.
BUTCHERS AND GROCERS' STORES.
ABC AND PICTURE BLOCKS.
LIVERY STABLES, HORSES ALREADY IN.
ARSENALS FULLY PURSUED.
A LARGE VARIETY OF BUILDING BLOCKS.
ANIMALS OF ALL KINDS.
TOOL-CHESTS, DIFFERENT SIZES.

LARGE AND SMALL BOXES OF TOYS OF THE FOLLOWING VARIETIES:

WHALEBOATS.	FARMS.
LIFEBOATS.	FARM SOLDIERS.
ARTILLERY.	ENCAMPMENTS.
NINEPINS.	BUILDING BLOCKS.
GAMES.	MAPS AND PUZZLES.
STEEPLE-CHASES.	SWISS COTTAGES.
MENAGERIES.	MAGNETIC TOYS.
NOAH'S ARK.	

AND A THOUSAND AND ONE THINGS WHICH ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO MENTION.

WILLIAM KINZEY,

NO. 691 BROADWAY,

Between Amity and 4th sts.

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LARGEST STOCK IN THE CITY AT LOW PRICES.

McGIBBON & CO.,

NO. 869 BROADWAY,

BETWEEN 21ST AND 22ND STS.

VELVETEENS AND VELVETS FROM AUCTION, 25 TO 33 PER CENT. LESS THAN FORMER PRICES. THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK OF BLACKS AND COLORS TO BE FOUND IN THE CITY.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOSEPH H. HORTON, EDWARD C. HOPPING, SAMUEL B. HARDING, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss.—At the City of New-York, the 8th day of November, 1870.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate and effects of Joseph H. Horton, Edward C. Hopping and Samuel B. Harding, of the City of New-York, in the district, who were, on the 11th day of June, A. D., 1870, adjudged bankrupts, upon the petition of their creditors, by the District Court of the United States for the said Southern District of New-York.

ZACHARIAH DEDERICK, Assignee in Bankruptcy, del-1w&W3W. No. 18 Maiden-lane, City of New-York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN DEY WAYGAN, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—The said bankrupt, having applied to the Court for a discharge from his debts; By order of the Court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear on the 4th day of January, A. D., 1871, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at Chambers, of the said District Court, in Bankruptcy, at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Bankruptcy, at his office, No. 202 Broadway, in the City of New-York, Room No. 4, and show cause why the prayer of said petition of the bankrupt should not be granted and why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt.—Dated New-York, 9th of December, 1870.

GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

NO. 2,559.—IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of CHARLES P. SYKES, bank

THE SPIRIT OF ROMANISM.

Breaking Down the Common School System—Defiance of Our Ancient Institutions by Rev. Dr. Foss.

Last night Rev. Dr. Foss preached in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church on the spirit of Romanism and the attempt to overthrow our common school system. His text was Deuteronomy, sixth chapter, sixth and seventh verses:

"And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

We are blessed, he said, in this land with a heritage of freedom, and it is not easy for us to comprehend the full meaning of the term freedom. The rich man's son knows nothing of poverty; even so we know little of despotism. Here we have the freest country and the best Government under the sun—civil and religious liberty—everything that is grand and noble, and these things are all comprehended in liberty. Tyranny has ever been forging fetters for man, but liberty is constantly breaking those fetters. There is today a studied, persistent attack of Romanism upon all those free institutions that are synonymous with liberty in this land. In proof of the providential discovery and founding of this continent for freedom, the Doctor referred briefly to a few centuries back of its history. It was discovered by a Roman Catholic, and two attempts to colonize it with members of that faith had failed before the Plymouth colonists succeeded. Their coming here was the assertion of two ideas that are essentially antagonistic to Romanism—the right of self-government and the right to worship God as they pleased. In other words, the maintenance of civil and religious liberty. These ideas have been respected and maintained at the sword's point since, and they may have to be maintained again. For it comes to pass that in this late age another enemy makes war upon us, and declares its purpose, so that we, if we are wise in time, may know when, and how to meet it. That enemy is Romanism, to which Protestantism is naturally and essentially hostile. The Pope's syllabus was but an evidence of the spirit of Romanism, that would, if it could, call back the dark ages and the Inquisition. What Austria could not endure is sought to be imposed upon us. Romanism is the assertion of the right of one man to dictate to the conscience of mankind. Protestantism is a declaration of war against this idea, and is so understood and recognized by Rome. Where, he asked, do you find civil and religious liberty? Is it in Catholic France, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Portugal or South America? No; but in Protestant Switzerland, Prussia, England and the United States. The Doctor here read extracts from the speech of Señor CASTILLON in the Spanish Cortes, when the sequestration of the Church property was under debate, to show by Catholic authority what the true spirit of Romanism is. That statesman painted it blacker than most Protestants are inclined to believe it is. Rome changes not. And here today the same principles are entertained that were entertained by her three centuries ago. We had not believed it to be so, but the riots of July, 1863, taught us better. The seething fire is ever ready to break out at the favorable moment and consume every vestige of liberty. Every priest and bishop and Jesuit are subjects of a foreign Power, and we are here ruled by that Power. The Doctor read from last year's records a list of the civil and judicial and legislative officers of this City and State, to show what a very large proportion of them are filled by Roman Catholics—about nine-tenths of them. If Rome, he said, had half the power in the land that she has in this City, civil liberty would be dead and we should have here in three months what existed in Rome three months ago—the Inquisition. Roman priests declare that they are not and cannot be American citizens, and so far as he (Foss) had been able to learn, after having made some inquiry, there is no record of a single bishop or priest in this land ever having taken the oath of allegiance to the United States Government. But they take another oath to exterminate heresy and Protestantism if possible, and this oath the Doctor read. He also read extracts from writings and speeches of Bishop O'CONNOR, of Pittsburg; the Bishop of St. Louis, Father HECKER, the *Catholic World*, the *Freeman's Journal* and *Tablet*, predicting the downfall of Protestantism in America and threatening just what the Doctor had been charging them with. The special form which the antagonism of Rome is now taking on, is to take the Bible from the common schools and to break down our school system and divide the school fund, and it is based upon the right of conscience, which every American is bound to respect. But they don't mean what they ask. The Bible and the common schools are the two millstones which grind out better citizens but worse Catholics in every generation, and the Roman priesthood want to break the mill. He (Foss) wanted the Bible made a textbook in the schools. It contains the best lessons in poetry and morals of any book in existence. When Romanism is falling everywhere else, it is sought to be established here. When he (Foss) was in Rome three years ago he could not buy a Bible in the whole city, but now they can be had as easily as here. Weeds grow on our prairies as abundant and as high as the corn, but they do not choke the corn, and he had no fear that liberty was going to be choked here, but he prayed that God might give us wisdom to discover truth, and grace to do our duty, and if the time should ever come when the Catholic conscience needed protection in its religious worship, he hoped that his Protestant hearers would be among the first to protect and defend it.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

Lecture by Rev. Father Hecker on "The Nature of Our Communion with the Other World."

Rev. Father HECKER delivered a lecture last evening at the Church of the Holy Cross, in Forty-second-street, on the nature of our communication with the inhabitants of the other world. He said that his motives for discussing this subject were that he may be useful to those who are in the Mother Church, in order that he might promote their happiness. Those who have been bred from their childhood in the Church do not need to have this matter discussed. But such is not the case with many, and as it concerns the very essence of religion, he was resolved to take it up this evening. He should answer two questions: "Have we communication with the inhabitants of the other world?" and "What is the nature of that communication?" If we open the Scripture we find that the communication of man with the angels is frequently stated. We find that the angels appeared to Abraham, and announced the birth of Isaac, giving him promises which would be done by his descendants. So Daniel had a revelation of what would come to pass to the end of the world. No one who is conversant with the Scriptures will dispute these facts. The incarnation rests on the revelation of the birth of Christ. If we deny this revelation and say that these apparitions are delusions we break down the foundation of Christianity. An angel revealed to St. John the Apocalypse. God has delegated to angels to reveal His will to man. When we recite the Creed we say "I believe in the communion of saints," that is, we commune with all the faithful departed. Every time we recite the Creed we affirm that the soul has communication with the whole saints of God. Again, what do we have so many festivals for? We have the festivals of All Saints and All Souls. What do all the Litanies mean, but that the saints, with Christ, intercede for us? Thus we see that this fact runs through the whole history of the Church. If we read the lives of the saints we find that they are full of these communions. Thus, if we deny this fact, we deny the holy Church. Paganism is but an exaggeration of this truth. Hence, pagans had their oracles, and whatever they gave forth they accepted as Divine revelation through the spirits who inhabited the statue. Therefore they offered up sacrifices to these idols. So we see that even false religion held to this communication, even to the exclusion of any other religion. We find the great poets inspired with this idea. SOCRATES had his familiar spirit, and the poets considered this feeling so strongly that they were inspired with it. See what a powerful part it plays in SHAKESPEARE's works. When we see *Hamlet's* ghost on the stage we are spell-bound, and this is an indication of the influence of this spirit. Dr. HECKER quoted from several prominent writers in support of this assertion, and then proceeded at some length to discuss the Spiritualists, holding that the believers in that fallacy professed to believe that they could supplant the Christian religion, but their professed revelations were untruthful and were always injurious to those who received them, inculcating skepticism and resulting oftentimes in insanity. He said in conclusion that Catholics who had been directed aright did not fall into these heresies, but many Protestants did. He said that he had given his hearers sufficient evidence of the fact that we did hold communion with the inhabitants of the other world, as the Scriptures and the Catholic religion taught the truth of this declaration, and we had no right to doubt the revelation of God's word and of the belief of the Holy Church.

The Bergen Tunnel Difficulty—No Trouble Today.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, having used the Boonton Branch for coal trains three months, employing the narrow gauge, advertised in due course the opening of passenger traffic, to take place on Monday, Dec. 12, (today.) Late on Saturday they were notified that Messrs. GOULD and FISK contended that Chief-Justice BEASLEY's provisional order restrained them from so doing. Their counsel advise them otherwise; and the terms of the order plainly limit the restraint to any change in the tracks or their connections. But to avoid all chance of interfering with public travel by any violent conduct on the part of the Erie managers, the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad Company will postpone opening their passenger travel until the order can be authoritatively explained. The delay cannot be long.

PROTESTANTISM IN AMERICA.

"God Intended this Country for Protestants"—Sermon by Rev. Isaac Westcott.

Rev. ISAAC WESTCOTT preached last evening in the Plymouth Baptist Church in Fifty-first-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues. "God intended this country for Protestants" was his proposition. He selected as his text the passage:

"I will overturn and overturn, until he whose right it is to reign shall come, and to him shall the Gentiles trust."

After briefly referring to the Scriptural application of the text, he proceeded to discuss its application to the settlement and progress of America in civilization and religion. God, he said, had a purpose in this land, in preparing it as the home of political and religious freedom. The discovery of America had changed the whole current of commerce, and the change was no less wonderful which, through the same cause has been wrought in the political and religious reformation of the world. It was worthy of note, too, what great results spring from small events. JOHN CALVIN, a Frenchman, fleeing from the persecutions of his country, had settled in England, and those, and the descendants of those whom he had gathered around him, subsequently settled New-England. ROGER WILLIAMS, too, a more Protestant than those who had preceded him, bore a prominent part in implanting in New England soil those seeds of Protestantism which have since borne such an abundant harvest throughout the land. Liberty of conscience is the great underlying principle of this Government. It is among the strongest arguments that God intended this country for Protestants, that he held it back from discovery, and then from settlement, until he had a people prepared to occupy it. The history of the various attempts and failures to settle before the arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers, displays at every step the interposition of Divine Providence, and His purpose to reserve the land for the cultivation and spread of the Protestant faith. From 1520 for a period of over sixty years, numerous attempts had been made to settle colonies and introduce Catholicism by the representatives of Spain and France. The former did occupy the South American States, and the latter, down to a not very remote period, occupied Canada, extending to the waters of the Ohio; but neither Power had succeeded in laying the foundation of a government here, or successfully promulgating their religion, though backed by all the wealth and power of Kings. It remained for the one hundred souls who, storm-tossed and in the dead of Winter, made a landing on the bleak shore of New-England. These prospered, though not only were they unsupported by kingly power, but they were actually fleeing from it. They prospered because God was with them; the others failed because God had not ordained that they should succeed. He had reserved this great land as the home of political and religious freedom—of Protestantism—and until they came all others were rejected from the soil. The hand of God was traceable in all this. The efforts of France and Spain to establish a Government and their religion were continually thwarted, their settlers driven out by famine and their ship wrecked by storms, while the little band of Puritans are protected, prospered and perpetuated, until the spirit of freedom which they brought with them as their birth right, has become the inalienable heritage of almost fifty millions of people. In this is the Divine will plain, as intending this land for Protestants. In conclusion, the preacher announced that he would return to the same subject on Sunday evening next.

Attempted Assassination in a Lager-Beer Saloon—Two Men Stabbed—One Desperately.

Yesterday forenoon a young German named GEORGE TAYLOR, residing in Pavonia-avenue, Jersey City, appeared before City Judge MARTINDALE and made complaint against a German—but recently arrived in this country—known as ALEXANDER DITMAR, employed in LIMBECK's brewery, in Steuben-street, charging him with having attempted to take his life and that of JOHN BUSCHMAN, by stabbing them several times with a dirk-knife. TAYLOR states that last week ago he had some difficulty with ALEXANDER, when the latter made an attack on him, but he succeeded in making his escape. On Saturday night about 10 o'clock TAYLOR, accompanied by BUSCHMAN, entered a lager-beer saloon in Pavonia-avenue, and had been seated at a table only a few minutes when the man DITMAR rushed in, and drawing a dirk-knife, made a furious assault upon them, slashing with his knife right and left. The young men defended themselves as well as they could, but during the encounter TAYLOR received two very severe wounds—one across the forehead, and the other, four inches in length, on the top of the head. BUSCHMAN received four stab-wounds about the head and face, and his hands were lacerated in defending himself. Yesterday the physician pronounced him in a critical condition. Judge MARTINDALE issued a warrant, and two officers were detailed to secure the arrest of the assailant.

Yesterday afternoon Sergt. DOYLE, of the Second Precinct, succeeded in effecting the arrest of DITMAR, at a house corner of North Second and Erie streets, and he is held for examination today.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The Police of the Twentieth Precinct early yesterday discovered two men with a handcart at Thirty-first-street and Tenth-avenue. On seeing the Police the men abandoned the handcart and fled. In the cart were found three chests of tea marked "C. B. Ross, Utica, N. Y." Several hours later THOMAS KELLY, alias Joseph McGrath, and DANIEL MCADAM were arrested while taking two other cases of tea, similarly marked, into the hallway of No. 362 Tenth-avenue. Yesterday the accused were taken before Justice COX and remanded to the Station-house.

Late on Saturday night a man, well dressed, aged about thirty-eight years, was found by the Police lying on the pavement at Twenty-third-street and Sixth-avenue, grossly intoxicated. He was taken to the Thirtieth-street Police Station and locked up. Yesterday he had so far recovered from his debauch as to give his name as HORACE COX. He refused to give his vocation or residence. It is asserted by some of those who saw him in the Station-house, and yesterday, when brought before Justice COX, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, that the inebriate was none other than the ex-pastor of the East Seventh-street Methodist Church, whose elopement with one of the youthful female members of his church, caused so much excitement. Justice COX discharged the inebriate with a reprimand.

It is rumored that the Fourth and Thirty-second Revenue Districts are to be consolidated under Collector HARLOW, of the Fourth, Gen. PLEASONTON, of the Thirty-second, being appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue; that the Fifth and Sixth Districts are to be consolidated under Collector MCHARG, of the Fifth, (Collector CLOSTER of the Sixth being removed,) and that the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Districts are to be consolidated under Collector WM. A. DARLING, of the Ninth, (Colonel BIGLER, of the Seventh, and LAIMBEER, of the Eighth, being removed.)

A grand concert will be given to-morrow evening for the benefit of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, at Trinity M. E. Church, Thirty-fourth-street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. Signor M. LAFUENTES will be the conductor, and besides his the names of the Misses Bulkley, Mrs. T. Jackson, Signor Tamaro, Mr. Simms, and S. Gilmore Plumb appear upon the programme. The occasion promises to be one of genuine enjoyment.

The Central Park meteorological report for last week sets forth the following facts and figures: Barometer—Mean, 29.826 inches; maximum at 9 P. M. Dec. 4, 30.174 inches; minimum at 6 A. M. Dec. 7, 29.483 inches; range, .715 inch. Thermometer—Mean, 42.6°; maximum at 3 P. M. Dec. 4, 57°; minimum at 12 P. M. Dec. 10, 30°; range, 27°. Dew, 7, rain from 9 P. M. to 11 P. M.; amount of water, .09 inch. Distance traveled by the wind during the week, 1,616 miles.

A row of frame stables, in the rear of Nos. 249 and 251 Mulberry-street, was damaged by fire yesterday, caused by some boys playing with matches. PATRICK BRICK loses hay and feed, valued at $200. HUGH CASEY lost a horse. GEORGE CASSIDY loses $200 on hay and feed, and JAMES HARRAN, $600. The buildings belonged to the Astelitz estate, and are damaged to the extent of $1,000. Insured.

JOHN CRONIN, assistant cook on the steamer *Morro Castle*, who was struck on the temple with a tumbler by the chief cook during an affray on the 3d inst., the particulars of which have been given in the TIMES, died, yesterday, at Bellevue Hospital. Coroner FLYNN will investigate the matter. The assailant will be arrest on the return of the steamer from Havana.

The Committee of the Common Council of Columbus, Ohio, now in this City for the purpose of inspecting the municipal institutions of New-York, visited Blackwell's Island on Saturday. On their return in the afternoon, upon the invitation of Mr. T. GOLDEN, they were entertained at the Blossom Club-house, No. 129 Fifth-avenue.

While ANDREW DAVID was sleeping on his coach, yesterday morning, in Fourth-street, near Broadway, the horses became frightened and ran away, throwing him to the ground. He received serious cuts on the head, face and arms. His wounds were dressed by Dr. FERGUS, and he was then taken home to No. 363 Bleecker-street.

Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest yesterday at the Fifty-ninth-street Police Station over the body of CHRISTIAN ESSLE, who fell from a ladder in the fourth story to the basement of the new building in Fifty-ninth-street, near Second-avenue, on Saturday evening, and was instantly killed. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

Mr. ARTHUR PENRHYN lectures to-night, at Association Hall. His subject is, "Up and Down Mont Blanc." The account which he gives of his adventures when he made the perilous ascent is one of interesting and thrilling, and is illustrated by a beautiful scenic picture of the great mountain.

BELLY LEE and MAGGIE CONNER quarreled yesterday in FOX's saloon, No. 87 Crosby-street, and BELLY beat MAGGIE on the head and neck with a lager-beer glass, inflicting severe wounds. The assailant was locked up in the Spring-street Police Station. MAGGIE's wounds were dressed at Police Head-quarters.

While JAMES SHERWOOD, a private watchman, was engaged in assisting an intoxicated man on to a Grand-street ferry-boat, the inebriate fell against him, knocked him down and broke his leg. SHERWOOD was assisted home to No. 429 Cherry-street.

JAMES ADAMS, who was arrested on Saturday for procuring packages of goods from Messrs. BLOCK & SONS, of No. 185 Church-street, by representing himself to be an expressman, was yesterday committed to the Tombs by Justice DOWLING to await a final.

The Executive Committee of the West Side Association promise to hold a series of public meetings this Winter, to advance the interests of property-owners on the west side, and to take other active operations to the same end.

JOSE DONOFOLES, a Cuban, was yesterday committed by Justice COX, on a charge of having broken into the store of LOUIS CATANAGH, No. 32 Bleecker-street, on the night of Nov. 11, stealing articles valued at $140.

JANE MURPHY was yesterday committed to the Tombs by Justice DOWLING, for having stolen a sum of money from the pocket of JOHN SNYDER, of No. 15 Thomas-street, while in her company in a saloon in Chatham-square.

SAMUEL BROWN, aged forty-seven years, of No. 320 Greenwich-street, was thrown on the steam-ship *Java* while lying at the foot of East Ninth-street, yesterday fell down the main-hatch and was dangerously injured.

ANN MURRAY, aged twenty-eight years, died yesterday in St. Luke's Hospital from injuries received by being run over some time ago by an Erie Railway express wagon.

A slight fire occurred, yesterday morning, in a frame stable owned by JAMES WELSH, in Forty-fifth-street, near Tenth-avenue, causing slight damage.

WM. MILLER, aged forty years, who, on Nov. 1, shot himself in the mouth at No. 268 West Twenty-sixth-street, died yesterday, in Bellevue Hospital.

THOMAS KNOX, of Williamsburg, was yesterday morning beaten in a serious manner about the head, by some unknown man, in Fell-street.

JOHN LENTZ, aged fifty, died suddenly yesterday, at No. 86 First-street, of disease of the heart.

BROOKLYN.

A warrant was issued by Justice BUCKLEY for the arrest of persons who were in the habit of gathering at a disorderly house kept by WM. STOKES and MRS. HEGEMAN in Utica avenue, near Warren-street. The officers of the Ninth Precinct visited the place on Saturday night, and arrested EDWARD SMITH, MARY ROGERS and ROSE DALIA, the only persons in the house at the time.

On Saturday evening last Mrs. ANNE DOIG, with one of her daughters, left her home in Bushwick-avenue, Williamsburg, for the purpose of doing some shopping in Grand-street, and when she reached that thoroughfare she became suddenly ill and fell down on the sidewalk. In that condition she was taken into a house in the neighborhood where her daughter left her until she went home to inform her father of the circumstance. On the return of daughter and husband, Mrs. DOIG appeared to be sinking fast, and they removed her to her residence, which she reached within five minutes. When Mrs. DOIG left home she had a pocket-book containing a sum of money in the breast of her dress. After her decease the pocket-book was found in the place, but its contents had disappeared. It is believed that heart disease was the cause of death, but the robbery cannot be accounted for.

STEPHEN KIERNAN, a bartender at the Eastern Hotel, New-York, was arrested, yesterday, on a warrant issued by Judge WALSH, in which KIERNAN is accused by BERNARD DOLAN, of No. 17 Washington-street, of stealing $18 worth of liquors from him. The accused was held to answer.

MICHAEL SCHIERMAN says that his bedroom, No. 516 Broadway, Eastern District, was robbed yesterday morning of several suits of clothing, pawn tickets for a gold watch and chain, and other articles, valued in all at $200.

CATHARINE RAMSEY, aged forty years, of No. 67 King-street, took a quantity of laudanum yesterday for the purpose of ending her life. Last evening she was deemed in a critical condition.

Some thieves broke into the Episcopal Church in Nostrand-avenue, yesterday morning, and stole a gold brooch of the carpeting, with which they escaped.

J. SMITH & SONS' shoe manufactory, at the corner of North First and Tenth streets, was feloniously entered on Saturday night, and robbed of $100 worth of goods.

The residence of Mrs. SUTTON, No. 256 Broadway, was entered by sneak thieves on Saturday night, and robbed of $125 worth of clothing.

MICHAEL DORSEY, aged sixty, last evening fell dead in a stable in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth-street, near Fourth-avenue.

LONG ISLAND.

Yesterday morning, Rev. J. W. LEEK was ordained pastor of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Cold Spring Harbor. The exercises were conducted by Right Rev. A. N. LITTLEJOHN, Bishop of Long Island, assisted by Rev. Messrs. STOCKING, of South Oyster Bay; ELLSWORTH, of Mapaug; WITTMAN, of Oyster Bay, and D. V. M. JOHNSON, D. D., rector of St. Mary Church, Brooklyn. An appropriate discourse was delivered by Dr. JOHNSON.

The anniversary of the Flushing Bible Society was held in the Reformed Church in that village yesterday. The address was delivered by Rev. THOMAS E. VREDENBURGH, D. D., from New-York; Rev. Dr. LAGOW, of Rye, Messrs. FAIRCHILDS and TAYLOR assisted in the exercises. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: EDWARD JORDAN, President; S. B. PARSONS, Vice-President; ORANGE JUDD, Treasurer; G. W. PECK, Secretary.

The body of an unknown man was found on the beach at Bay Ridge yesterday. The body was that of a man about four feet ten inches in height, aged about five years of age; had sandy-colored hair, short goatee and a mole on the right cheek; and was attired in a black cloth suit, white shirt, gray under-shirt, canton-flannel drawers, blue woolen socks, and sewed boots. The body, apparently, had been in the water but a few hours. Coroner BURNETT held the inquest.

PETER HENDERSON, fireman of the steamer *Port Royal*, was drowned at Whitestone Dock yesterday afternoon. In attempting to jump from the boat to the landing his foot slipped, and he struck the string-piece of the dock, it is thought. His body was recovered. He leaves a wife and two children, who reside in Whitestone.

The people of Babylon will hold an election Dec. 1, to determine whether they will be incorporated as a village. The territory proposed to be included within the village lands covers an area of about 1,600 acres.

NEW-JERSEY.

ROBERT IRVING, a laborer, well known in Jersey City as "the temperance lecturer," was severely, and probably fatally injured by the caving in of a sewer on which he was at work in Monmouth-street, on Saturday afternoon. He was taken to his residence, where he now lies in a precarious condition.

The Newark brewers concerned in the recent arrests, and charged with not canceling beer stamps according to law, held a meeting for consultation at EBAN's saloon, in Broad-street, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was very largely attended, and a free expression of feeling was indulged in. No decisive course of action was decided on, as those present concluded that it was not best to decide on definite action till they had visited Trenton.

A middle-aged man, named THOMAS WARD, much given to dissipation, died at his lodgings in the rear of No. 89 Ferry-street, Newark, yesterday at 10 o'clock. He told an improbable story about his having been poisoned, which is not believed.

No horse-cars ran from Newark through Orange yesterday, and it is anticipated that there will yet be some difficulty in the matter. It is understood that East Orange will object to the arrangement.

JOHN DONAHOE was arrested in Jersey City, yesterday, charged with breaking into McMANN's cooper's shop and stealing tools valued at $40. He was committed for trial.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—American Securities and Stocks were quiet during the day. The course of the market is indicated by the following table:

	11½ A. M.	4½ P. M.
Consols for money	92½	..
Consols for account	92½	..
United States 6-20s, 1862	86¾	86¾
United States 6-20s, 1865, old	86	86
United States 6-20s, 1867	86½	86
United States 10-40s	87¾	87¼
Illinois Central Railroad Shares	111	..
Erie Railroad Shares	20¾	20
Atlantic & Great West. R. R. Shares	28	..

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Evening.—The flow of Specie to the Bank of England this week has been unusually heavy. The amount on hand today is £410,000 sterling greater than at the last return.

LONDON, Dec. 5—4 P. M.—Consols for money closed at 92¼ for the account closed at 92¾.

AMERICAN SECURITIES quiet and steady. Five-twenties of 1862 closed at 86¾; 1865, old, closed at 86; 1867, 86½; Ten-forties, 87¾. Stocks have been dull and nominal, and closed quiet. Erie Railway Shares, 20¾; Illinois, 111; Atlantic and Great Western, 28¾.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 5.—United States Five-twenties closed at 84½.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 3.—COTTON—The market opened quiet at the following quotations: Middling Uplands, 9¼; Middling Orleans, 9¾. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales. The prices last made were about as follows: Middling Uplands, 9¼@9 5-16d.; Middling Orleans, 9¾d. FREIGHTS—Wheat, 6s. Cotton, 7-16d. Petroleum, 1s. 6d. Tallow, 40s. Spirits Turpentine, 28s. 6d. Rosin, 5s. 6d. Cheese, 60s. Linseed Oil, 37s. 6d. Sugar, 30s. 6d. Provisions—Beef closed firmer; Chees Cheese, 65s. Lard, 56s. Pork, 57s. Bacon, 57s. Refined Petroleum, 1s. 7¼d.

LONDON, Dec. 3—Evening.—TALLOW closed firmer, but unchanged in price. LINSEED OIL quiet at £35 10s. ⅌ ton.

GLASGOW, Dec. 3.—PETROLEUM, 13 mars tances 12 selling.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 3.—Yarns and Fabrics are firmer.

LONDON, Dec. 3, 4½ P. M.—SPERM OIL closed at £75. SUGAR—Spot, opened and closed active at 32s. 6d. TURPENTINE closed firmer at 28s. 6d@s. 6d. LINSEED OIL firmer at £32 @ £31 10s. Hops are steady. Common Rosin 4s. 6d.

ANTWERP, Dec. 3.—PETROLEUM, 6 thalers 20 groats.

ANTWERP, Dec. 3.—PETROLEUM closed firm and unchanged.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—EXCHANGE unchanged. FLOUR—Spring Extras quiet and nominally lower. No. 2 Spring quiet and firmer at $4 04@$4 06; during the afternoon dull and unchanged. CORN dull; No. 2, 42½c.; during the afternoon, 42c. for No. 2. OATS closed quiet at 22c@22½c. RYE dull and lower; No. 2 at 74c. BARLEY firm at 85c. PROVISIONS steady and quiet. Mess PORK, $13 62½. LARD, 11½c. Dressed HOGS quiet at $7@7 25. Live HOGS easier at $5 20@$5 35. CATTLE quiet and unchanged. WHISKY—Sales at 91c. RECEIPTS—12,000 bushels Wheat; 16,000 bushels Corn; 13,000 bushels Oats; 3,000 bushels Rye; 6,000 bushels Barley; 11,000 bbls. Flour; 3,000 bbls. Pork; 7,000 bushels Oats; 1,000 bushels Rye; 1,000 bushels Barley; 4,000 Hogs.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 10.—FLOUR unchanged; sales, 1,200 bbls at $5 75 for No. 1 Spring; $7 for Amber Winter; $7 50 for White; $8 25 for Double Extra. WHEAT quiet; No. 1 Milwaukee Club, $1 35; No. 1 and 2 Red Winter, $1 30. CORN in fair demand; sales at 81c@82c. OATS held at 37½c@38c. for Western. BARLEY, RYE and PEAS nominal. CORN-MEAL $1 60 for bolted; $1 70 for unbolted. MILL-FEED unchanged. Shorts $18@20; ship-stuffs $18; Middlings $19@22 ⅌ ton. HIGHWINES nominally at 90c. ⅌ gallon. Freight sales at 22c. Railroad FREIGHTS—Flour to Boston, etc., to New-York, 85c. to Albany, 50c.; Grain and Mill-feed to Boston, 9½c. to New-York, 8½c. to Albany, 7½c. Lake FREIGHTS—Engaged, 207,000 bushels Wheat; 151,000 bushels Corn; 55,000 bushels Oats; 86,000 bushels Barley; 10,000 bushels Rye; 11,000 bushels peas.

ALBANY, Dec. 10.—WHEAT steady; sales, 1 car Diehl at $1 75. RYE dull—no sales. CORN dull, with good supply offering; sales of Western Mixed in tore, at 76c. BARLEY very quiet; sales 4 cars Two-Rowed State at the Susquehanna Railroad at 70c. OATS dull. The rating of the CATTLE market has been very firmly upon a decided basis for the last week. Little improvement to note in the value of premium and first-class Cattle, while on medium and common there is a marked improvement, equal to ½c.@¾c., and in some instances ¾c.@1c. per pound, in the weight of prices of last week. First-class Cattle sold last week at 10 12½, and for a superior herd 10 16 was the highest bid made today. We note as the highest price paid for a herd, for a time as the second Tuesday, averaging 1,000 lbs.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—COTTON dull and unchanged. FLOUR unchanged. WHEAT quiet; Chicago Red Fall at $1 27½. CORN advancing; Mixed and Yellow in bulk sacks and ready, at 40c. CORN—Mixed, 44½c.; Yellow, 45c. OATS steady at 42c. BARLEY dull; Spring No. 2 at 75c. RYE firmer at 73c. WHISKY unchanged. PROVISIONS quiet; Mess PORK, $13 75; Bulk SHOULDERS, 7½c.; Clear Ribs, 9½c.; Clear Sides, 10½c. LARD, 12c. BEEF—Dressed Hogs active at $7 25. RECEIPTS—2,000 bbls. Flour, 41,000 bushels Wheat, 3,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Oats, 6,000 bbls. Flour.

BUFFALO, Dec. 10.—FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT entirely nominal. CORN dull and unchanged. OATS nominal at 40c. for No. 2 Western. RYE held at 90c. for Western. BARLEY inactive. Other articles unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 10.—COTTON in moderate demand, and lower tone; Middling, 14½c.; sales, 2,000 bales; net receipts, 6,319 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,284 bales; to the Continent, 2,231 bales; stock 79,995 bales.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 10.—COTTON dull and nominal; receipts, 2,783 bales; shipments, 2,880 bales. FLOUR dull and unchanged. CORN firm at 80c. ⅌ bushel. OATS firm at 35c.@38c. LARD dull at 12c.@12½c. Bulk SIDES, 11c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 10.—COTTON dull and nominal; Middling, 14½c.; sales, 700 bales; net receipts, 1,000 bales; exports to the continent, 804 bales; stock, 33,623 bales.

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—FLOUR steady. WHEAT firm; No. 1, $1 21; Amber, $1 18. CORN declining; sales at 44c.@45c. OATS scarce, firm and unchanged. HOGS active at $5 62½@$7 75.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—COTTON quiet and steady; Middling, 15¼c.; sales, 200 bales; net receipts, 4,146 bales; consumed, 1,327 bales; total, 1,315 bales; stock, 5,500 bales.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 10.—Spirits TURPENTINE steady at $1 35. Crude TURPENTINE steady at $2 70@$3 25. TAR steady at $1 75. COTTON dull; Middling, 14c.

MOBILE, Dec. 10.—COTTON dull; Middling, 14c. @14½c.; sales, 1,600 bales; net receipts, 2,469 bales; exports, coastwise, 1,370 bales; stock, 59,589 bales.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 10.—COTTON—Market quiet and easier, at 13¾c.@14c. for Middling; sales, 900 bales; receipts, 94 bales. Continuous rain today.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 10.—COTTON dull; Middling, 14c.; sales, 65 bales; net receipts, 1,000 bales; exports, coastwise, 18 bales; stock, 1,268 bales.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.—WHEAT very dull; No. 1 Red, $1 25. CORN very dull; new Shelled, 35c. OATS nominal. PETROLEUM quiet and unchanged.

NORFOLK, Dec. 10.—COTTON dull; Low Middling, 14¼c.; sales, 200 bales; net receipts, 1,896 bales; exports, coastwise, 3,426 bales; stock, 7,797 bales.

GALVESTON, Dec. 10.—COTTON—Net receipts, 1,669 bales, (estimated;) stock, 38,377 bales.

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Passengers Arrived.

DEC. 11—In steam-ship *City of Paris*, from Liverpool.—Mr. and Mrs. Green, Miss Serrell, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and child, Mr. Agnew and son, J. O. B. Webster, J. F. Schmelzer, S. Meyerheim, J. Sulkes, J. H. Reed, J. O'Rourke, Mr. McGregor, Mrs. McGregor, T. B. Marsey, Gen. H. Irving, lady & children and servant, J. H. Grumley, M. Cree, Dr. Cochrane, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Chapman 3 children, Dakes and nurse, Mrs. Stevens, T. T. DeOrsna, Mr. Hipsleman, J. Barron, J. Wellford, H. Astorg, Frank Weakely, J. Browne, G. Browne, H. M. Mills, R. R. Davies, E. L. Grey, G. Bolton, Mr. Hart, Mr. Marks, S. A. Dameron, Mrs. Dameron, C. A. E. Ewing, Mr. Marsy, Mr. Maciver, Mr. Atterbury.

In steam-ship Henry Chauncey, from Aspinwall.—Samuel W. Hoyt and wife, Geo. R. Schenck, S. H. R. Fields, Miss Minnie Brown, Francis Tyson, Miss Mary Lippincott, W. H. Lippincott, Mrs. Hutty, J. Allen & Bro., T. R. Crossby and wife, M. S. Willard and wife, A. J. Johnson, F. E. Adcoms, C. H. Mills, J. Villar, J. L. Moore, J. W. Hurk, wife and two children, J. L. Stanton, F. H. Tumes, G. F. Baker, J. H. Daggett, Miss Cosswell, Miss Sophia Gevery, M. C. Plummer, J. N. Clenbergh, R. Inch, Capt. A. G. Foster, Wounds Brickard and wife, Wm. Eno, J. Newkrow, Daniel Weldman, wife and daughter, Albert B. Clark, A. M. Beardsley, G. W. Goodman, wife and infant, J. A. Calbrick, Mrs. Symonds and daughter, C. J. Wearing and wife, Mrs. Platt, W. H. Gordon and wife, Dr. Theo. A. Johnson, Henry Yerge, M. Linsey, Mrs. James Slon, Y. Saunders, M. Salmon, J. Hosking, T. Conkling, D. Downer, T. H. Woolrick, A. Dimotte, G. Lagarduna, F. Montero, R. Senerides, and 76 in the steerage.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FOR EUROPE.

City of Baltimore	Dec. 12.	New-York	Liverpool
Silesia	Dec. 13.	New-York	Hamburg
Abyssinia	Dec. 14.	New-York	Liverpool
Minnesota	Dec. 14.	New-York	Liverpool
Aleppo	Dec. 15.	New-York	Liverpool
Columbia	Dec. 15.	New-York	Glasgow
Weser	Dec. 15.	New-York	Bremen
City of Paris	Dec. 17.	New-York	Liverpool
Italy	Dec. 17.	New-York	Liverpool
Wyoming	Dec. 17.	New-York	Liverpool

FOR HAVANA AND BERMUDA.

Columbia	Dec. 15.	New-York	Havana
San Francisco	Dec. 17.	New-York	Bermuda

Closing of Domestic Mails.

North, Poughkeepsie Way	8 A. M.; 3 P. M.
North, through via H. R. R. R. and New-York Central	3 A. M.; 4:00, 9 P. M.
North Way, via Harlem R. R. Chatham-st. Station	7 A. M.
Eastern, via New-Haven	2 A. M.; 1:30, 6 P. M.
East, via Newport	2 P. M.
East, New-Ha